

NIPH's Rights Retention Strategy for Open Access publishing

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Norwegian Institute of Public Health (NIPH) has adopted the implementation of an Institutional Rights Retention Strategy effective from June 17, 2025.

NIPH aims for all scientific publishing at the institute to be openly accessible. Scholarly articles should be made available in open access channels or in research archives. NIPH will comply with funders' requirements while safeguarding academic freedom, ensured by allowing exceptions for individual articles when requested by employees.

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- NIPH is legally responsible for interpreting the rights strategy and resolving disputes regarding its interpretation and application.
- The rights retention policy applies regardless of the publisher's self-archiving policies and any publishing agreements made.

The implementation of an institutional rights strategy is in line with the guidelines of the Research Council of Norway and the EU, as well as practices already in place at many institutions both in Norway and internationally.

The rights strategy applies to scholarly articles submitted as from June 17, 2025.

Articles submitted before this date are not covered by the rights retention strategy.