

## PNRC Authorship Guidelines

### **Overview:**

The typical approach to authorship for PNRC approved studies is that any investigator who contributes to a study should have the opportunity to be included as an author on the study manuscript. In general, this means that there is one author from each participating institution. All authors must also fulfill the standard ICMJE authorship requirements (see below). The expectation is for all publications from the PNRC to include the line “a study of the PNRC’ in the tile, unless unable to based on journal specifications.

*There is an expectation that all studies will adhere to the standard approach of offering opportunity for authorship to one author from each site unless the principal investigator requests a waiver in advance as part of the protocol submission process; all contributing sites must be informed in advance if this is the case.*

If a site would like to have more than 1 author (e.g., faculty member and fellow; 2 faculty if high patient volume/complexity), then the site should seek approval in advance from the study PI.

If a journal limits the number of authors, then patient enrollment determines authorship (e.g., the highest enrolling sites are given priority). However, PIs should attempt to include all contributors unless the journal does not provide a mechanism for increasing the number of authors.

### **Authorship Processes:**

#### **1. Author inclusion**

Authorship inclusion and process will be proposed by the Co-Investigators of the study on the PNRC Protocol Review application and will detail 1) who will be first and last authors and 2) criteria to be included as an author (e.g., IRB approval at your site and number of patients enrolled; authorship positions based on specific expertise in the project, etc). PRC approval of a proposal includes acceptance of the authorship plan stated in the application.

Authors must satisfy authorship criteria as specified by ICMJE:

- Substantial contributions to conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND
- Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND
- Final approval of the version to be published; AND
- Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved

All who meet all four ICMJE criteria for authorship should be identified as authors. Those who meet some but not all four criteria should be acknowledged as contributors.

## ***2. Author order***

Beyond the 2 Co-Investigators, who may choose authorship positions of their choice, contributing authors should be determined by number of subjects contributed to the study, with the highest number listed after the leading Co-Investigator (or 2), and so on. Project biostatistician and other analysts who fulfil authorship requirements shall be positioned at discretion of the Co-Investigators. A principle of the PNRC is to provide key authorship opportunities to junior investigators, subject to ICMJE criteria.

## ***3. Consortium acknowledgement and list of contributors***

Publications will include the acknowledgement, 'on behalf of the PNRC.' Consortia members not meeting authorship criteria shall be listed under this banner as contributors and be searchable on PubMed.

## ***4. Authorship for Abstracts/Presentations***

Abstracts can be especially challenging because of space limitations. One option to address space limitations is to list only a few authors on the submission and also state "on behalf of the PNRC". All additional qualifying authors can then be added to the poster or oral presentation title slide. All abstract/poster/oral presentation authors must review and approve the work and can list this work product on their CV.