

# Rules for Authorship for publications from the Pulmonary Hypertension Society of ANZ Inc. Bi National PHT Registry

---

This Authorship policy pertains to all publications or abstracts produced using data from more than one centre / site obtained from the Pulmonary Hypertension Society of Australia and New Zealand's (PHSANZ) Bi National Pulmonary Hypertension Registry. This is an official document of the PHSANZ and was approved in April 2013. All publications arising from standard ethics approval will be allowed in the identified fashion and those wishing to undertake additional studies should seek the PHSANZ registry committee's approval and additional ethics approval as required.

- 1. Publications or abstracts written by a recruiting physician / nurse using his / her / their own data.**
  - a. The policy outlined below does not apply to publications or abstracts by a recruiting centre using only the identified data from his or her data extracted from the central database. In that case, the investigator will determine the policy, however the PHSANZ nominated director will be mentioned as an author to recognise the fact that the existence of the database, data quality control and data cleaning procedures are under the supervision of the PHSANZ and these affect the quality of the data used by individual investigators. In this situation, the position of the nominated PHSANZ representative will be at the discretion of the principal author.
  
- 2. General Authorship policy for publications using multi-site data within the PHSANZ Bi National PHT registry.**
  - a. The First and second (or more) authors shall be the investigator(s) who have proposed the idea to the PHSANZ committee for approval
  - b. The first and second (or more) author(s) shall be the investigator(s) who have performed most of the work on the particular publication.
  - c. The primary investigator (generating new review / research proposal) shall be the lead author and will be responsible for determining which authors shall be listed and the order they shall appear.

- d. The senior author (s), who will be listed as the last author (s), will be the nominated PHSANZ registry directors.
- e. All other authors will be subsequent authors who have contributed most to the (n) value of data collection / publication and these names will be determined by the lead author.
- f. In addition, the name PHSANZ or Pulmonary Hypertension Society of Australia and New Zealand Registry will be recognised as an author if allowed by the journal / each name of all contributing members of the registry if only the permitted by the journal.
- g. If only the group name is permitted by the journal, the corresponding author will make every effort, the publication so permitting, to ensure that all group members will be listed on the NLM pubmed database permitting those names to be searched and associated with this publication on pubmed.

### **3. Names to be included under the rubric of the PHSANZ**

- a. The specific names to be included under the PHSANZ rubric will be according to the following rules:
  - i. The author must be a recruiting member of the PHSANZ and the PHSANZ bi national registry
  - ii. The author must have contributed complete data on all patients in the registry where that date has been recorded
  - iii. The author must have contributed more than 15 patients to the registry
  - iv. The date of the last visit of the last patient entered must not be more than 6 months old. If the recruiting physician has stopped entering data, he / she will no longer be permitted to utilise the data in the PHSANZ PHT registry.
  - v. The order of the list of recruiting PHSANZ PHT registry recruiters shall be according to the number of patients recruited with the highest recruiter being first and the lowest being last. This list will be reviewed every six months. Authors should apply to the PHSANZ executive for an updated copy of this list prior to publication.

### **4. Authorship policy for publications for which data has been obtained from other databases as well.**

- a. These rules are meant to apply to situations in which the PHSANZ data / investigator has collaborated with one or more other research groups and the study involves merging data
  - i. The Principle investigator, the PHSANZ nominated director and the additional group must agree on authorship order before the PHSANZ PHT registry committee will approve the project.
  - ii. The first and second authors shall be those that have contributed most of the work.

- iii. The primary investigator shall be considered the lead author and shall determine the order of authors.
- iv. The PHSANZ nominated director(s) shall be listed within the authorship of the publications. The place in authorship shall be determined by the collaborative consultation prior to project approval.
- v. In addition, the name PHSANZ PHT registry should be included in the authorship line if possible
- vi. If this is not possible, the PHSANZ PHT registry should be referred to as per section three of these guidelines.