

Guidelines for Authorship for Studies run within the International Network on Cancer, Infertility and Pregnancy

1. General.

- a. All calculations regarding the number and position of co-authorships will be based on numbers of recruited patients by center.
- b. Each center is completely free and independent to fill in individual names according to its number and position of co-authorships (the center even may appoint persons not having recruited patients by themselves).
- c. The following "rules" should guarantee participation and benefits for all centers involved and share as much attractive positions among the centers as possible.

2. Fixed authorship positions.

- a. All co-authorship positions depend on recruitment of centers except one authorship position of the International Principal Coordinator and one for the statistician of the study (usually 4th position).
- b. Principal investigator or International Principal Coordinator is first author
- c. Principal investigator and International Principal Coordinator may appoint a second author who delivered a substantial work
- d. International Principal Coordinator is usually senior author
- e. When International Principal Coordinator is the Principal Investigator, he may grant the first position to someone else.

3. Number of authors per group

- a. Each center receives their first guaranteed authorship position when the center has recruited x% of the total number of patients.
- b. The 2nd position will be achieved when the center recruited 2x% of the total number of patients.
- c. The 3rd position will be achieved when the center recruited 3x% of the total number of patients.
- d. The 4th position will be achieved when the center recruited 4x% of the total number of patients.

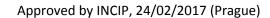
The percent numbers are a general guideline and might be adapted to each specific protocol and will depend on the population size of the study and the number of participating centers (e.g. x+1% instead of x% etc.)

4. Position of the authors

The specific place of the group's representative is defined by the overall recruitment by the center; e.g. if center A has the highest recruitment number, center B the 2nd highest recruitment number, center C the 3rd highest, and center D the lowest, 2nd author would be appointed by center A, 3rd author by center B etc.

Example: Study of 1000 patients

Group A: 220 pts. = 5 authorship positions





Group B: 210 pts. = 5 authorship positions

Group C: 120 pts = 3 authorship positions

Group D: 65 pts = 1 position

Group E: 40 pts = 1 position

Result:

Principal Investigator, A1, B1, statistician, C1, D, E, A2, B2, C2, A3, B3, C3, A4, B4, B5, A5, International Principal Coordinator

When the International Principal Coordinator is the Principal Investigator, the senior author is appointed by the strongest recruiting group.

When Principal investigator and International Principal Coordinator appoint a second author (see 2.C.), 2nd position becomes 3rd, 3rd position becomes 4th, ...

General remark:

If possible, all centres who have actively recruited in the trial should be mentioned as co-authors in the appendix.