



CARRA Publication Policy

The CARRA publication policies are intended to be as inclusive as possible for the development of manuscripts resulting from CARRA endorsed/funded studies.

1. Each CARRA study will develop a publication oversight committee (this could also be the study Steering Committee). The duties are as follows:
 - a. To provide oversight and implementation of project publication.
 - b. Establish writing committees.
 - c. Determine timelines for writing projects.
 - d. Adjudicate authorship issues/disputes and actively participate in the development of the core study publication.
2. The composition of this committee will include the PI's of the study and reasonable site representation. Site representatives will be chosen in a fair, transparent and democratic process.
3. The guidance document for all CARRA publications will be the most current version of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) "Uniform requirements for manuscripts admitted to Biomedical Journals: writing and editing for Biomedical Journals." (www.icmje.org)
4. All named authors must meet at least all 3 of the following criteria:
 - a. Substantial contributions to conception and design, or acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data.
 - b. Drafting article or revising it critically for important intellectual content.
 - c. Final approval of version to be published.
5. Authorship will include a representative of each site that contributed patients and the order in which authors will be listed (after the PI and co-investigators) will be determined by the number of patients enrolled, involvement of in study conduct, and participation in study meetings.
6. The writing committee will distribute the manuscript for editing and re-editing to co-authors after the first draft of the manuscript is completed giving several weeks for co-author review, edit, and response. Authors who do not meet this deadline will not be included as authors. Revisions will be the responsibility of the writing committee.
7. Recognition of contributions of additional investigators at sites and/or research assistants will be in an appendix or footnote as per requirements of the publishing journal.
8. The publication policy for each additional project using data or samples from the main CARRA study will be determined by the particular project PI and the following principles.
 - a. The principal investigator of the main study from which the data and/or samples came from must be on the writing committee.
 - b. CARRA and CARRA's infrastructure supporter- Arthritis Foundation must be acknowledged in the manuscript.
 - c. The policy must be reviewed and approved by the publication committee of the main study and must be in accordance with ICMJE guidelines as described above.