



# National Pediatric Cardiology

## *Quality Improvement Collaborative*

### **NPC-QIC Authorship Recommendations**

Even before beginning a research project, authorship of any resulting publications should be discussed to ensure that expectations are aligned. International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) recommendations for authorship include:

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

Full ICMJE recommendations can be found [here](#).

While we do not make any stipulations on authorship, and each journal or meeting will have its own guidelines, we offer the following recommendations for teams to consider:

- Authorship for at least the first and senior author should be determined at the start of the project
- Some journals may have limitations on the number of authors for a manuscript, but generally allow exemptions when it can be justified
- The first and last authors will be responsible for limiting the authorship if required
- Those making substantial contributions to the research, meeting point 1 of the ICMJE recommendations, should be offered the opportunity meet the other recommendations for authorship
- Contributors not meeting all four criteria can be recognized in the acknowledgements
- Failure of a prospective author to respond to requests within 2 weeks, when the date of required response was included, can be considered no response and could result in removal as an author at the primary investigator's discretion