

International Soft Tissue Sarcoma Consortium (INSTRuCT) PUBLICATION POLICY September 14, 2020

This policy has two (2) parts

- Projects initiating outside of INSTRuCT Cooperative Groups (investigator initiated)
- Projects initiating from an INSTRuCT Work Group

FOR PROJECTS INITIATING OUTSIDE OF INSTRuCT COOPERATIVE GROUPS/WORK GROUPS

- The INSTRuCT Executive Committee reviews all requests [will include link to the project request form]
- **Authorship of Abstracts and Manuscripts.** Immediately after an INSTRuCT project request is approved, authorship will be considered by the INSTRuCT Executive Committee
 - If patients in the study have been contributed by a cooperative group, then the INSTRuCT Executive Committee will ask the cooperative group chair to nominate an individual.
 - If the investigators are requesting data from **a single** cooperative group or **specific** clinical trial, the cooperative group chair will nominate an individual(s) who played a key role in generating the data to be actively involved in the analysis of the data and preparing the study abstracts and manuscripts.
 - Nominated individuals **MUST** be actively, and intellectually involved in the project to be a co-author.
 - The INSTRuCT Executive Committee will determine if “speciality” experts (for example, pathologists, surgeons, radiologists, etc) should be included in the project.
 - It is anticipated that collaboration with international experts will greatly enhance the research conducted with these data.
 - Based on the extensive work of the cooperative group statisticians, the INSTRuCT Executive Committee and cooperative group chairs will be invited to nominate a statistician to participate in the work and be included on the manuscript (for cooperative group that contributed patients to be included in the proposed project).
- Authorship will be determined by the primary investigators, in alignment with the above rules
- Co-authorship will only be warranted for collaborators who meet the ICMJE recommendations for authorship (<http://www.icmje.org/recommendations/browse/roles-and-responsibilities/defining-the-role-of-authors-and-contributors.html>)
- The Co-chairs of INSTRuCT are not automatically co-authors, they will be co-authors only if they have been actively and intellectually involved in the project.
- To support the training goals of INSTRuCT, (full) professors are asked to consider co-senior authorship or not being senior author.
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- **Review.** The INSTRuCT Executive Committee will review all abstracts and manuscripts prior to submission for publication to ensure proper acknowledgments are included.

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PROJECTS INITIATING FROM AN INSTRuCT WORK GROUP

1. All INSTRuCT Work Groups will submit project and manuscript ideas to the INSTRuCT Executive Committee, including the topic, lead author, and identified co-authors.
 - a. The Executive Committee will ensure appropriate and balanced representation from all cooperative groups.
 - b. For projects and manuscripts that cross disciplines, the initiating Work Group lead will contact the Work Group lead(s) of the additional discipline(s) for a collaborator recommendation. Consideration will be given to expertise and cooperative group. The INSTRuCT Executive Committee Co-Chairs may be consulted for recommendations.
 2. The INSTRuCT Executive Committee will review and approve the ideas and the author lists.
 3. The INSTRuCT Executive Committee will maintain a list of planned projects and manuscripts identified by all INSTRuCT Work Groups.
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