Australasian Interstitial Lung Disease Registry

Authorship guidelines
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- Drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content, and
- Final approval of the version to be published, and
- 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

1. Publications or abstracts arising from a single centre where the recruiting physician/health professional is using their own data

- In this situation, the recruiting physician/health professional will determine authorship, however the AILDR should be acknowledged to recognise the existence of the Registry, and its role in data quality control. The University of Sydney, Lung Foundation Australia and the Centre of Research Excellence for Pulmonary Fibrosis (founders and supporters of the Registry) also require acknowledgement.

2. Publications or abstracts arising from more than one centre

- In this situation, an open invitation for authorship will be extended to all AILDR Steering Committee members before the work is started and confirmed before submitting the manuscript for publication.

- In general, there will be one principal investigator listed as an author from each contributing site. In order to contribute to authorship, sites must be actively involved in recruitment and data entry (in the previous 6 months). The principal investigator can nominate an alternative author for their site if appropriate. Multiple authors from a single site will be considered if there is a major contribution to a study from that site.

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- Recruiting physicians/health professionals who are not directly involved in the design or conduct of the research, and whose data is not used as part of the research project will not be cited as authors..

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