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Once a Project has been closed and the principal investigator/Writing Committee has presented the main study publication, any participating center may, eventually, use its own data (data generated in its own centre) for educational purposes, publications and presentations, notifying ERIC with a 15 days notice and the role of ERIC should be acknowledged.

Authorship

Once the project has finished collecting and analysing cases, the final publication of the study results will be written by the Study Principal Investigator on the basis of the final analysis. A draft manuscript will be submitted by the Study Principal Investigator to all members who provided cases to the study for comments and submission approval.

Authors of the manuscript will be the Study Principal Investigator, at least one investigator from the centres that have included more than 10% of the eligible patients in the study (by order of inclusion), unless further agreement is made with the Study Principal Investigator and acknowledged by the ERIC Board. For studies involving both clinical and biological data, typically 2 authors per centre are included among the authors.

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