

**MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER**

**Title: Authorship Policy**

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**POLICY:**

All sites must follow the below steps when assigning authorship on abstracts or manuscripts.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Any person nominated to be an author of an ARGO pooled analysis must meet the authorship criteria of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (updated October 2007 – <http://www.icmje.org/>). These state: “Authorship credit should be based on: 1) substantial contributions to conception and design, or acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data; 2) drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and 3) final approval of the version to be published. Authors should meet conditions 1, 2, and 3.” Authors will meet all three conditions.
2. More than 50% authorship should be Nigerian (needs to be discussed with ARGO Leadership)
3. Each unique study that was managed at more than one center may nominate one author from each managing center and up to two additional authors depending on the number of managing centers. Each author so nominated will have been involved in the design, conduct or analysis of the study.
4. Position in the list of authors will be determined first on the basis of contribution to the work of pooled analysis and second on the basis of alphabetizing by authors’ surnames
5. The first author will be the person who has made the largest contribution to developing the pooled analysis protocol, analyzing the pooled data and drafting the paper, or someone who has made a similar contribution and is nominated by the person who has made the largest contribution.
6. The last or senior author will generally be the chief investigator of a participant study who has made the largest contribution to developing the scientific hypothesis and project protocol, bringing together the data sets, analyzing the pooled data and drafting the paper.