

Publication Policy

Reporting, publications and notifications of results

A number of teams and many people will contribute to the MuM-PreDiCT Multi-morbidity Resource and subsequent publications arising from the work. We will acknowledge individuals contribution to the publication process using the following mechanisms to ensure all outputs are published in an equitable, efficient and transparent manner.

All of our research outputs will be badged as the MuMPreDiCT Group, we will adopt the CRediT approach to authorship (<https://www.casrai.org/credit.html>) and will encourage all authors to use ORCID identifiers for all outputs.

The CRediT Roles include conceptualisation, data curation, formal analysis, funding acquisition, investigation, methodology, project administration, resources, software, supervision, validation, writing (original draft) and writing (review and editing).

The roles given in the above taxonomy include, but are not limited to, traditional authorship roles. The roles are not intended to define what constitutes authorship, but instead to capture all the work that allows scholarly publications to be produced. Recommendations for applying the CRediT taxonomy are:

LIST ALL CONTRIBUTIONS - All contributions should be listed, whether from those listed as authors or individuals named in acknowledgements:

1. MULTIPLE ROLES POSSIBLE - Individual contributors can be assigned multiple roles, and a given role can be assigned to multiple contributors;
2. DEGREE OF CONTRIBUTION OPTIONAL - Where multiple individuals serve in the same role, the degree of contribution can optionally be specified as 'lead', 'equal', or 'supporting';
3. SHARED RESPONSIBILITY - Corresponding authors should assume responsibility for role assignment, and all contributors should be given the opportunity to review and confirm assigned roles;
4. MAKE CRediT MACHINE READABLE - CRediT tagged contributions should be coded in JATS xml v1.2.

For journal publications, all contributors will be given the opportunity to meet ICJME author guidelines.

<http://www.icmje.org/recommendations/browse/roles-and-responsibilities/defining-the-role-of-authors-and-contributors.html>

We will not publish in journals that limit the number of authors.

Authorship Policy

Principles regarding authorship and writing

- All proposals for publications must be approved by the MuMPreDiCT Management Group;
- A lead author and wider writing team will be established for each identified paper;
- All potential contributors will have the opportunity to opt into a writing team;
- It is the responsibility of the Study Management Group to ensure balance and inclusivity in writing teams across the range of likely study publications;
- All named authors must meet authorship criteria (detailed above);
- A timetable for publication will be agreed with each lead author and approved by the MuMPreDiCT Management Group and will include a start date (for drafting) and target submission date;
- For any one paper, each substantive new draft will be circulated by the lead author to the writing team to ensure opportunity to contribute.

Acknowledgements

Any output should acknowledge MRC and HDR UK as the study funder and carry the appropriate disclaimer.

There should also be acknowledgement to the Understanding Patient Data campaign with the phrase below included in all publications & presentations.

“This work uses data provided by patients and collected by the NHS as part of their care and support.”

Any specific data controller’s acknowledgements or requirements outlined in the application and authorised use of their data should be included, and is the responsibility of each data site to provide and include on any outputs or publications.

Research Outputs

A Teams and Slack channel platform has been create to manage communications, and we will maintain a set of appropriate documents to the project team at a central file store location, including a list of proposed and successful outputs and publications, along with names of the authors who will /have contributed towards them. This file store location will be made available to authorised people within the group and accessed by username and password access.