15.3 Publications, authorship and collaborators

Results will be made available to ESICM members and the scientific community through abstracts submitted to the ESICM annual conference and scientific papers submitted to peer-reviewed journals. The authorship of the main manuscript will follow the ICMJE recommendations.

A writing committee that includes the Principal Investigators, the Study Coordinator, and members of the Steering Committee will draft the work. Steering Committee members will be authors of the manuscript if they have a participating site or support the inclusion of centres in their countries, and fulfil the ICMJE criteria.

National coordinators will be considered authors if they meet the ICMJE criteria and have facilitated the enrolment of at least 500 patients with complete data collection in their country. Local investigators who successfully recruit three complete sets of patients with full data collection, along with consent where applicable and with all queries answered, will be invited to be authors if they satisfy the ICMJE criteria.

Suppose the number of authors, as planned above, is too high for the agreed journal. In that case, the national coordinators with the highest number of included patients, followed by the sites with the highest number of included patients, will be preferred for the first manuscript. In contrast, the remaining ones will be selected for the subsequent manuscripts, moving down in the order of included patients for each publication if necessary.

All participating centres will be mentioned in the acknowledgement section of all ERUPT publications (of the obligatory data) and labelled as the "ERUPT investigators". The corresponding author will specify the group name and will identify the group members who can take credit and responsibility for their work as collaborators. We will allow three collaborators for each complete set of 30 patients of an ICU with a complete obligatory data collection set in the eCRF, consent where applicable, and all answered queries listed in the group authorship list. Two additional collaborators per complete facultative stage of a complete set of 30 patients can be listed. In publications from facultative data, the process will be similar; however, only for centres with appropriate facultative data provided.

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