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## **1. Collaboration**

- 1.1. The National Association of Resident Doctors of Nigeria (NARD) created the Research & Statistics Committee and by extension the Research Collaboration Network (RCN).
- 1.2. The RSC supervise the activities of the RCN while working together to deliver various research output as stipulated in the mandate to RSC.
- 1.3. The research done under the Research Collaboration Network (RCN) is a NARD endeavour therefore has NARD proprietary right.
- 1.4. Any material derived from this research endeavour shall be published by NARD as publisher if it is a technical report, booklet, book and other documentary production of works therein except the output would be under a third party platform such as journal where NARD must be acknowledge as funder of the project.
- 1.5. Access to the collaboration data does not confer right to use in writing an article or abstract etc without a written request and approval via the Chairman, Research and Statistics Committee of NARD.

## **2. Authorship(1)**

- 2.1. RSC and the RCN would want to avoid controversies regarding authorship which is not unusual in collaborative efforts by many individuals who teamed up in conducting a research.(2) It is therefore imperative we adhere to these rules.
- 2.2. The RSC and RCN would subscribe to The International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) universally acknowledged criteria for authorship.(3-5)
  - 2.2.1. *Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND*
  - 2.2.2. *Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND*
  - 2.2.3. *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.*
- 2.3. We will therefore apply the following rules among ourselves.
- 2.4. Guideline 1

**2.4.1. Only persons who satisfy all 3 criteria qualify as authors.**

2.5. Guideline 2

**2.5.1. Persons who fail to satisfy all 3 criteria but contributed substantially to the work should be acknowledged.**

2.6. Guideline 3

**2.6.1. The FIRST/LEAD AUTHOR on the author list have contributed the greatest and given direction in drafting the document, while the CORRESPONDING AUTHOR would have given direction in drafting the document but also be able to answer question for the whole collaborative efforts. Therefore the later shall be vested on the RSC chairperson.**

2.6.2. Guideline 4

**2.6.2.1. The order of listing of authors on any document shall be vested on the RSC which will act on input from the RCN**

### **3. Draftmanship**

3.1. As it is expected in any scholastic endeavour the plagiarism would be frowned at.

3.2. All members of are to guard against this act

3.3. While there may not be any particular rule therein this document

3.4. RSC and RCN members should avail themselves with the following resources

3.4.1. What is Plagiarism? Available on <https://www.plagiarism.org/article/what-is-plagiarism>

3.4.2. Five Simple Rules to Avoid Plagiarism. Available on <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10439-012-0662-9>

3.4.3. Publication Ethics and the Emerging Scientific Workforce: Understanding 'Plagiarism' in a Global Context Available on <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3869232/>

3.4.4. 28 Guidelines at a Glance on Avoiding Plagiarism <https://ori.hhs.gov/plagiarism-0>

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