

PROCARE PUBLICATION POLICY

1. Studies performed and reports made in the context and/or on behalf of PROCARE

All reports or studies about the PROCARE project will have to be approved by the Working Group.

The policy of the Working Group will be to stimulate publications about the PROCARE project.

Three types of publication are possible.

Some aspects of the project may be used as part of a research project or in the context of a PhD thesis.

Also, the scientific committees of each association or society involved are allowed to publish on their respective activities and results obtained. First author will be the PhD student involved in a specific study or the colleague designated by his/her scientific society to have the responsibility of writing.

Studies about general aspects and overall outcome of the project will be written by a PROCARE writing committee. Members of the writing committee are: ... For this type of publications, the first author will be designated by the writing committee.

2. Publications and scientific presentations of studies organised in the context of PROCARE

The text of all abstracts or manuscripts concerning a study/report will be submitted to the members of the PROCARE Working Group at the latest one month before submission for publication.

The first author has the duty to provide a first version of a manuscript to all co-authors and to the members of the PROCARE Working Group within 3 months after entering the last data required for the study/analysis. In collaboration with his promoter/scientific society/writing committee, the first author must provide a definitive version, ready for submission to a scientific journal, within 6 months after entering the last patient data to the members of the PROCARE Working Group.

The list and ranking of co-authors will be determined by the promoter/scientific society/writing committee, and has to be approved by the PROCARE Working Group. Co-authors must have actively participated in any part of the study. The authors' list on a manuscript submitted for publication (incl. abstracts submitted for selection of oral presentations or posters) should end with: "on behalf of PROCARE, a multidisciplinary Belgian Project on Cancer of the Rectum".

In case of a full paper, a separate page should acknowledge and enumerate (in alphabetical order,) the names of all institutions (with names of collaborating colleagues that registered their patients in parentheses). Enumeration will be according to the number of patients registered by each institution (hospital) and will be provided by the director of the National Cancer Registry.

All problems related to the presentation or publication of the results of studies, performed in the context of PROCARE, must be presented to the PROCARE Working Group. The Working Group will always try to solve/prevent problems. If necessary, the PROCARE Working Group will decide by majority of votes. In case of equality, the vote of the chairman will be decisive.

The first slide, overhead, a/o. of an oral presentation on a study performed in the context of PROCARE, should mention “on behalf of PROCARE”. All slides must be illustrated with the logo of PROCARE.