



MROQC Authorship Guidelines

First Author:

- To be considered a first author, the individual must do one of the below:
 1. Draft the initial version of the abstract/publication, incorporating feedback provided by the senior author/co-authors
 2. Prepare a version of the abstract/publication based on an initial outline/draft provided by the senior author, incorporating feedback from co-authors
- If preparing an abstract, the first author is expected to:
 1. Present the work at the forum of interest (exceptions may apply e.g., scheduling issues identified at the time of abstract submission)
 2. Serve as the first author and/or leader on the preparation of the manuscript

Senior Author:

- To be considered a senior author, the individual is expected to do all of the following:
 1. Identify a Quality Improvement (QI) opportunity aligning with MROQC's initiatives
 2. Ensure a request has been submitted to the MROQC Coordinating Center
 3. Oversee/Direct analytics related to the project
 4. Oversee/Direct the writing of the abstract/publication

Co-Author:

- When selecting an individual to join a project as a co-author, the First and Senior authors should consider the following criteria:
 1. Number of co-authors allowed (*be sure to check the author limits per organization/journal*)
 2. Participation as a member of the respective working group
 3. Involvement in the project data collection
 4. Involvement in the project analytics
 5. Involvement in the QI project design including the outline and discussion around project objectives, analytic needs, and identification of QI opportunities based on data review
 6. Involvement in the writing or fundamental editing of the abstract/publication
 7. Continued involvement and active feedback throughout project development and progress

If disagreements regarding authorship arise that can't be resolved by the First and Senior authors, then the matter will be resolved by the Executive Committee