Michigan Radiation Oncology Quality Consortium
Publications Policy

1) Publications shall refer to the following: abstracts, manuscripts, posters, or presentations.

2) Each participating hospital may use their own data for internal purposes or for publication acknowledging that the data were obtained via participation in MROQC.

3) Participating hospitals must agree to uphold the collaborative nature of MROQC and refrain from using MROQC data to compare itself to other consortium members in any public manner including presentations, publications, publicity, and/or advertising.

4) All publications based on collaborative-wide data representing more than 1 site will be produced by the collaborative and will involve the Coordinating Center statistician.

5) MROQC has an Executive Committee (EC), which is chaired by the MROQC Project Director, Lori Pierce, MD. The EC includes members from at least 5 MROQC participating hospitals. The EC is responsible for:
   a. Reviewing all concepts for abstracts and manuscripts based on MROQC individual site data (prior to manuscript preparation) to ensure they are consistent with the goals of the CQI. This applies to publications outside of the institution and not internal only publications.
   b. Approving the concepts for abstracts and manuscripts (prior to manuscript preparation) based on MROQC collaborative-wide data to ensure they are consistent with the goals of the CQI.
      • Concepts should be approved by the quality group that oversees that particular dataset prior to submission to the EC.
   c. Reviewing publications based on MROQC collaborative-wide data prior to submission to approve for submission or recommend revisions. Publications cannot be submitted until they are approved by the EC.
   d. Ensuring that authorship appropriately represents the intellectual contributions for any publication based on MROQC collaborative-wide data. The authorship guidelines set forth by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors will be used.
   e. Monitoring the writing of each publication based on MROQC collaborative-wide data to ensure publication in a timely fashion.

6) Individuals from any MROQC participating hospital can submit a concept to the EC for approval. Members of the EC may also submit concepts and be involved with the development of publications.

7) If a person who is not a member of an MROQC team is interested in making use of MROQC data, they must partner with an MROQC member and the submission to the EC must be made by the MROQC member.

8) Approval by the EC will be made by majority vote.

9) Submissions of publication concepts for the EC should be sent to the MROQC Program Manager using the MROQC Data Request Review Form.

10) This policy does not apply to press releases and interviews. All requests for press releases and interviews regarding MROQC will be handled by the MROQC Coordinating Center.

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