Get With The Guidelines (GWTG) Research Publication Author Reference

This summary provides guidance to authors in preparation of research abstracts and manuscripts using the Get With The Guidelines database. Please reference the Get With The Guidelines Publication Policy for a full outline of policy and procedure.

A) Overall Process Steps:

1) Proposals
   a) Download the Get With The Guidelines Data Request Form available online.
   b) Submit completed Data Request Form to QualityResearch@Heart.org
   c) Request will be reviewed for feasibility, validity and novelty by the Clinical Work Group (CWG) for final decision.
   d) Approved requests are put in queue until project can start.

2) Development of Research Question
   a) When project is ready to start, Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI) will do analysis and preparation of data.
   b) Completed analyses are sent from DCRI to primary author; Based on the agreed SAP, there will not be any additional multivariate analysis run until a first draft of the manuscript is prepared by the lead author and circulated for feedback among the identified co-authors
   c) Final draft of the abstract, conference poster or presentation, and manuscript are circulated to co-authors for review and approval.

3) Reviews
   a) Abstract and manuscript drafts are reviewed separately by the CWG and AHA Science. Each abstract review period is 1 week (5 business days) and each manuscript review period is two weeks (10 business days).
   b) A summary of committee feedback and/or approval is sent to the primary author within 7 days of abstract submission and 14 days of manuscript submission.

4) Conferences
   a) Conference posters or presentations require approval by co-authors, mentors, DCRI, and AHA staff.

5) Final Manuscript/Publication
   a) Final manuscript/abstract draft is submitted to the conference and/or journal of choice by primary author or other designee; final draft will also be sent to AHA staff to keep on file for reference.
   b) Journal decision, online release date and print release date are to be communicated back to the AHA by primary author or designee to ensure timely GWTG promotion.

B) Project Timing Expectations

1) Author provides a final draft of the manuscript within 6 months of initial data being provided or within 3 months of final data delivery.

2) If abstract is accepted to conference, author should continue to develop manuscript with the goal to have journal acceptance coincide with conference attendance.

3) Author provides a draft manuscript no later than 6 weeks after attendance to scientific conference and submitted to journal within 3 months of conference attendance.

4) Project lead authors may be reassigned if timing expectations are not met.
C) **Manuscript Requirements (will guide authors in providing accurate language)**

1) **Acknowledgement to include in Methods Section:**

IQVIA serves as the data collection (through their Patient Management Tool™ – PMT™) and coordination center for GWTG. The Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI) serves as the data analysis center and has an agreement to analyze the aggregate de-identified data for research purposes.

“IQVIA, is the data collection coordination center for the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association Get With The Guidelines® programs.”

**Informational, not required:** Hospitals participating in the registry submit clinical information regarding the medical history, hospital care, and outcomes of consecutive patients hospitalized for coronary artery disease, stroke, or heart failure using an online, interactive case report form and Patient Management Tool (IQVIA, Parsippany, New Jersey).

2) **Research Disclosure:**

All participating institutions were required to comply with local regulatory and privacy guidelines and, if required, to secure institutional review board approval. Because data were used primarily at the local site for quality improvement, sites were granted a waiver of informed consent under the common rule.

IQVIA (Parsippany, New Jersey) served as the registry coordinating center. The Duke Clinical Research Institute (Durham, North Carolina) served as the data analysis center and institutional review board approval was granted to analyze aggregate de-identified data for research purposes.

3) **GWTG Sponsorship:**

**GWTG-CAD:**

“The Get With The Guidelines®–Coronary Artery Disease (GWTG-CAD) program is provided by the American Heart Association.”

In March 2010, GWTG CAD had discontinued collecting data when GWTG CAD transitioned to ACTION Registry-GWTG (ARG). Note: In April 2017, GWTG CAD has started collecting data again and that data supports GWTG CAD and the Mission: Lifeline (M:L) Program. M:L Program info has its own publication process not found in this document.

**GWTG-HF:**

“The Get With The Guidelines®–Heart Failure (GWTG-HF) program is provided by the American Heart Association. GWTG-HF is sponsored, in part, by Amgen Cardiovascular and has been funded in the past through support from Medtronic, GlaxoSmithKline, Ortho-McNeil, and the American Heart Association Pharmaceutical Roundtable.”

**GWTG-Stroke:**

“The Get With The Guidelines®–Stroke (GWTG-Stroke) program is provided by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. GWTG-Stroke is sponsored, in part, by Medtronic and has been funded in the past through support from Boeringher-Ingelheim, Merck, Bristol-Myers Squib/Sanofi Pharmaceutical Partnership, Janseen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson and the AHA Pharmaceutical Roundtable.”

**Target: Stroke:**
“Target: Stroke program is provided by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association and is currently sponsored, in part, by Chiesi Pharmaceuticals.”

GWTG-AFib:

“The Get With The Guidelines®–AFib (GWTG-AF) program is provided by the American Heart Association. GWTG-AF is sponsored, in part, by Daiichi Sankyo, Boehringer Ingelheim, and BMS Pfizer.”

D) **Poster or Presentation Requirements:**

- Ensure use of AHA-approved template.
- Ensure the first use of Get With The Guidelines® has the trademark symbol.
- Before printing, ensure poster or PPT is reviewed and approved by co-authors, mentors, DCRI, and AHA staff (via Beckie Friesenhahn or Sofie Tai)
- Include the following:
  1) Statement: “Powered by IQVIA, Cambridge, MA”
  2) Applicable GWTG Sponsorship based on GWTG module (see #3 above)
  3) Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI) served as the data analysis center

E) **Young Investigator Database Research Seed Grant:**

1) Acknowledge Grant Sponsorship dependent on when award received.
2) See website for sponsors: [Young Investigator Database Seed Grant](#)

F) **Additional Information Sites:**

- [Quality Research Main Site](#)
- [Scientific Publications](#)
- [Program Database Information](#)

G) **Points of Contact:**

If you have any questions regarding the publication process or GWTG publications in general, please contact [QualityResearch@heart.org](mailto:QualityResearch@heart.org).

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