

Get With The Guidelines®-Resuscitation (GWTG-R)
Publication Process and Requirements

This Reference Sheet serves as a summary to provide guidance to authors in preparation of research abstracts and manuscripts using the Get With The Guidelines-Resuscitation database. Please reference the Get With The Guidelines Publication Policy for a full outline of policy and procedure.

A) Overall Process Steps:

- 1) Download the [Research Request Form](#) available online.
- 2) Submit the completed proposal form via e-mail to GWTGResuscitationResearch@heart.org. Proposals are due by the 15th of odd-numbered months, to be reviewed during committee meetings in the subsequent month. For example, manuscripts are due by March 15, to be reviewed during the April meeting.
- 3) The appropriate GWTG-R Research Task Force will review the request.
 - a. Adult Research Task Force (ARTF): The ARTF will review the proposal at their next meeting.
 - b. Pediatric Research Task Force (PRTF): 2 PRTF members will review the request for the next PRTF meeting.
 - c. The ARTF and PRTF vote for the proposal to be approved, revised and resubmitted, or declined.
- 4) AHA staff will notify the primary investigator of the task force decision.
 - a. If the proposal is approved, a GWTG-R Research Task Force member will be assigned to the project to serve as a direct connection to the database and task force. The liaison will also be a co-author on the paper.
- 5) The primary investigator completes the AHA Non-Disclosure and Data Use agreement.
- 6) Approved requests are forwarded to the UPENN statistical team, who provide the data directly to the primary investigator. The primary investigator and coauthors are responsible for statistical analysis of the data provided by UPENN.
- 7) AHA staff will contact the primary investigator for routine research updates.
- 8) First draft of the manuscript is required to be completed within 1 year of data receipt. Please note: If the proposed manuscript is not completed in a timely fashion, the project may be reassigned to another primary investigator.
- 9) All co-authors must review and approve the final drafts of the abstract/poster/manuscript.
- 10) Once the co-authors have approved the draft, the abstract/poster/manuscript must be submitted for AHA review.
 - a. Abstract/poster review will take approximately 10 business days. If an abstract/poster will be submitted to a non-AHA conference, it will also require AHA Science Review.
 - b. Manuscripts are reviewed at Research Task Force meetings in even-numbered months, and are due by the 15th of the month prior. All manuscripts go through AHA Science Review.
- 11) AHA staff will send the Research Task Force decision and feedback to the primary investigator.
- 12) Once the manuscript is approved, the primary investigator submits it to the journal of choice. The final draft will also be sent to AHA staff to keep on file for reference.
- 13) The primary investigator updates AHA staff on the journal decision, online publication date, and print publication date.

B) Poster or Presentation Requirements:

- 1) Use the AHA-approved GWTG template.
 - i) Include the following statement if dataset includes data as of October 1, 2010: **“Powered by Outcome, an IQVIA Company, Parsippany, New Jersey”**

C) Manuscript Requirements:

- 1) Acknowledgement to include in the Methods section:
 - a) Informational:
 - i) Hospitals participating in the registry submit clinical information regarding the medical history, hospital care, and outcomes of consecutive patients hospitalized for cardiac arrest using an online, interactive case report form and Patient Management Tool™ (IQVIA, Parsippany, New Jersey).
 - ii) IQVIA statement applicable to dataset including data as of October 1, 2010:
 - (1) IQVIA serves as the data collection (through their Patient Management Tool – PMT™) and coordination center for GWTG. The University of Pennsylvania serves as the data analytic center and has an agreement to prepare the data for research purposes.
 - (2) Statement to include: **“IQVIA is the data collection coordination center for the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association Get With The Guidelines® programs.”**
- 2) Byline Requirements:
 - a) All the members of the relevant Research Task force in the year that the manuscript was drafted and submitted (as opposed to year of research request) will be listed, either in an appendix or in the acknowledgments section (this is journal-dependent).
 - i) ARTF members: Anne Grossestreuer PhD; Ari Moskowitz MD; Dana Edelson MD MS; Joseph Ornato MD; Katherine Berg MD; Mary Ann Peberdy MD; Matthew Churpek MD MPH PhD; Michael Kurz MD MS-HES; Monique Anderson Starks MD MHS; Paul Chan MD MSc; Saket Girotra MBBS SM; Sarah Perman MD MSCE; Zachary Goldberger MD MS
 - ii) PRTF members: Anne-Marie Guerguerian MD PhD FRCPC; Dianne Atkins MD; Elizabeth Foglia MD MSCE; Ericka Fink MD; Javier J. Lasa MD FAAP; Joan Roberts MD; Jordan Duval-Arnould MPH DrPH; Melanie Bembea MD MPH PhD; Michael Gaies MD MPH MSc; Monica Kleinman MD; Punkaj Gupta MBBS; Robert M. Sutton MD MSCE; Taylor Sawyer DO Med
 - b) No clinical working group members will be listed (unless concurrently task force members).
 - c) The “(formerly the National Registry of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)” phrase will be dropped, leaving the final byline language as: **“for the American Heart Association’s Get With the Guidelines-Resuscitation Investigators”**
 - d) The GWTG-R liaison will still be listed as a co-author.
- 3) Research Disclosure:
 - a) 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.
 - b) IQVIA (Parsippany, New Jersey) served as the registry coordinating center. The University of Pennsylvania served as the data analytic center and granted the opportunity to prepare the data for research purposes.

Contact Info:

If you have any questions regarding the GWTG-R publication process or GWTG publications in general, please contact GWTGResuscitationResearch@heart.org or sofie.tai@heart.org.