

## **FPRN® Authorship Policy**

The fellow who submits the proposal has until the end of their fellowship to complete the FPRN® research project. The fellow who originally submitted the proposal will serve as the PI and is expected to be the first author on the abstract submission and primary publication. Projects that are not completed in that time frame should be passed to another junior fellow at the same site in accordance with the FPRN® Transition Policy. The junior fellow will become the new PI. First authorship will be determined by agreement between the original PI and new PI and is dependent upon the amount of work performed by each of these two fellows. The fellow who oversees the majority of the recruitment and data collection and writes the manuscript should be the first author. The fellow designated as the first author must remain actively involved and complete tasks in a timely manner. The Steering Committee may intervene with this decision if necessary and may ask the advice of the study mentors on the project or the Advisory Board as a whole if they cannot make a determination. If the Steering Committee, with advice from the Advisory Board, is unable to determine the best course for author order, the matter will be reviewed by the Advisory Board as appropriate.

If the PI has identified their research proposal as their senior thesis (to meet graduation requirements and/or submit for ABOG subspecialty certification), they will remain as the first author until completion of the project. If the thesis project is not completed by the time of graduation, the Steering Committee will make sure that the PI remains actively involved in the project in order to ensure completion. Co-investigators at other sites may submit ancillary proposals, which can be any analyses based on data from the original FPRN® study. Ancillary proposals will be reviewed by the current PI on the original project and the Steering Committee. If accepted, the fellow who proposes the ancillary study will become first author for the abstract and publication associated with the ancillary study. All fellows who enroll patients or collect data will be authors on each study as long as they participate in data collection and manuscript writing/revision. Fellows who enroll the greatest number of patients and help write the manuscript are generally selected by the PI for higher order of authorship.

The Study Mentor for the project is also included as the last author for abstract and publication. If more than one Study Mentor is needed on the project at the outset, authorship should be discussed with the Steering Committee and the PI, all current or former study mentors, and any sites already participating in the project. All must agree to authorship order and establish if these additional study mentors will be in the author list. Faculty at satellite institutions may provide guidance on the project and oversee fellows at that institution who are participating in the project, but they will not be granted authorship unless they take over an extenuating amount of responsibility for the study and the PI determines that they merit recognition as an author in addition to or in lieu of the named mentor for the project. As with fellow member authorship, the Steering Committee may intervene with authorship decisions regarding Study Mentors if necessary and may ask the advice of the Advisory Board as a whole if they cannot make a determination. If the Steering Committee, with advice from the Advisory Board, is unable to determine the author order, the matter will be reviewed by the Advisory Board as appropriate.