

Share Your Wisdom: Authorship for Research Coordinators

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Overview

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Why become an author?

Authorship is the primary basis academics use to evaluate talent



- Used as a basis for promotion
- Action breeds confidence
- Promotes cyclic positive spin of personal identity and job satisfaction
- Growth means taking risks
- Motivation to share ideas, experiences, opinions

What can I contribute as an author?

Trust yourself... ideas, like large rivers, never have just one source



- Your experiences
- Your opinions
- Your observations
- Your skills



How can I even get started?

The first step is to say you can

- Prepare
 - Learn the nomenclature
 - Read articles (RC professional, industry, scientific)
 - Attend seminars & talks



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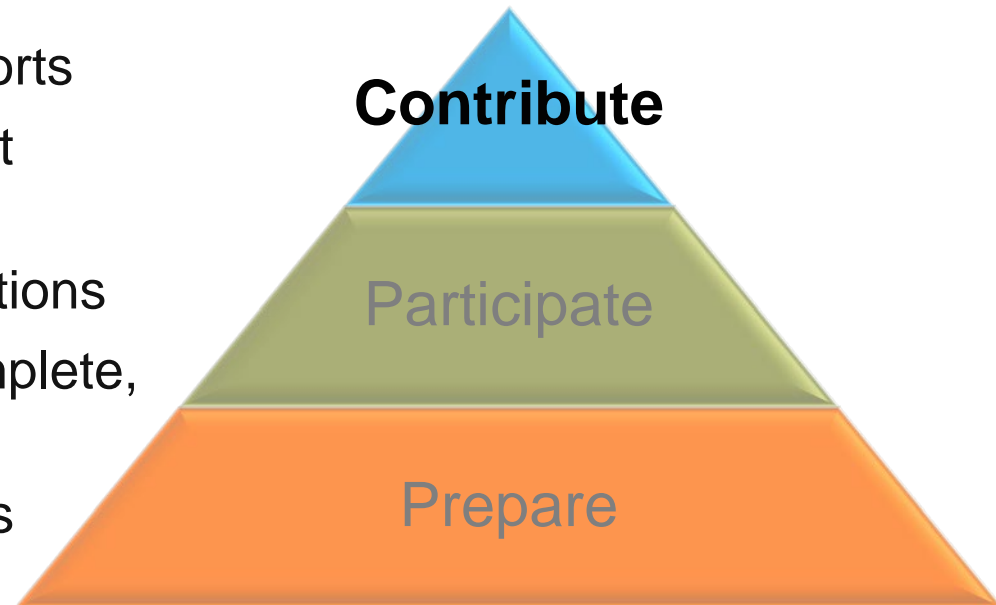
- Participate
 - Join a study committee
 - Ask to attend study/departmental meetings
 - Join ITHS Journal Club



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- **Contribute**
 - Write an SOP/MOP
 - Be helpful, offer to write up study procedures
 - Contribute to progress reports
 - Be helpful, offer to draft sections
 - Participate in grant applications
 - Be helpful, offer to complete, compile, draft
 - Ask your PI for suggestions



What are manuscript submission guidelines?

Manuscripts follow a standard format

- Manuscript format
 - Abstract
 - 6-10 sentence summary
 - Introduction
 - What was the problem/observation
 - Methods and materials
 - How was problem solved/resolved/light cast upon it
 - Discussion
 - What does it all mean?
 - Title
 - Short, specific, pithy main subject



Where do I find the right journal for my article?

Begin with non-peer reviewed publications and match the content to the journal audience

- Non peer-reviewed publications
 - Online
 - Journal of Clinical Best Practices
 - Perspectives in clinical Research
 - Journal of Clinical Research and Bioethics
 - RC professional publications
 - Clinical Researcher (formerly The Monitor)- ACRP
 - SOCRA Source (Society of Clinical Research Associates)
 - ClinPage
 - Journal finders
 - Edanz Journal Selector: http://www.edanzediting.com/journal_selector
 - Elsevier Journal Finder: <http://journalfinder.elsevier.com/>
 - Springer Journal selector: <http://www.springer.com/>



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Next stop.....peer reviewed publications

- Scientific community reviewed publications
 - Almost always require PI participation and input
 - Almost always have multiple authors
 - Journal format is highly specific
 - Many more “back and forth” for final copy
 - Permission may be required by research consortiums



Discussion

- What are your motives to publish?
- What are your primary and secondary barriers?
 - How can barriers be overcome?
- What resources are available to help?
- Where can you find mentors?



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