

**Get With The Guidelines® - Resuscitation (GWTG-R)**  
**Author Reference**

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 [National-Level Quality Program Data Publications Policy](#) for the full policy and procedures.

**Overall Process**

- 1) Research proposal
  - a. The GWTG-R Adult and Pediatric Research Task Forces review and vote for the proposal to be approved, revised and resubmitted, or declined.
  - b. 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.
  - c. The primary investigator completes the AHA Non-Disclosure and Data Use agreement (NDA DUA).
- 2) Data analysis
  - a. Approved requests are forwarded to AHA Data Science, who provides the data directly to the primary investigator. The primary investigator and coauthors are responsible for statistical analysis of the data provided.
- 3) AHA reviews
  - a. AHA staff will contact the primary investigator for routine research updates.
  - b. Final draft of the manuscript must 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.
  - c. After all co-authors have reviewed and approved the final draft, the abstract/poster/manuscript must be submitted for AHA review.
    - i. Abstract/poster review will take up to 10 business days. If an abstract/poster will be submitted to a non-AHA conference, it will also require AHA Science Review.
    - ii. Manuscripts are reviewed at Research Task Force meetings in even-numbered months, and are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior. All manuscripts go through AHA Science Review.
  - d. AHA staff will send the Research Task Force decision and feedback to the primary investigator.
- 4) Peer-reviewed publication
  - a. 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.
  - b. The primary investigator updates AHA staff on the journal decision, online publication date, and print publication date.
  - c. The final PDF of the publication should be sent to AHA staff after publication.

**Poster or Presentation Requirements**

- 1) Use the AHA-approved GWTG template.
  - a. Include the following statement if dataset includes data as of October 1, 2010: "Powered by Outcome, an IQVIA Company, Parsippany, New Jersey"
- 1) Ensure the first use of Get With The Guidelines® has the trademark symbol.
- 2) Before printing, ensure poster or presentation is reviewed and approved by co-authors, GWTG liaisons, and AHA staff (Sofie Tai).

## **Manuscript Requirements**

- 1) Required acknowledgements/statements to include:
  - a) "The Get With The Guidelines®-Resuscitation program is provided by the American Heart Association."
  - b) "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)."
  - c) "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."
  - d) Statement to include if the dataset includes data as of October 1, 2010:  
"IQVIA (Parsippany, New Jersey) serves as the data collection (through their Patient Management Tool – PMT™) and coordination center for the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association Get With The Guidelines® programs."
  - e) If analysis was conducted on the AHA Precision Medicine Platform, please include this statement:  
"The American Heart Association Precision Medicine Platform (<https://precision.heart.org/>) was used for data analysis."
- 2) Byline requirements: Include this language at the end of the author byline on the title page:  
"for the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Resuscitation Investigators"
- 3) All the members of the relevant Research Task Force in the year that the manuscript was submitted (as opposed to year of research request) will be listed, either in an appendix or in the acknowledgments section.
  - a) American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Resuscitation Adult Research Task Force members: Anne Grossestreuer PhD; Ari Moskowitz MD MPH; Joseph Ornato MD FACP FACC FACEP; Matthew Churpek MD MPH PhD; Monique Anderson Starks MD MHS; Paul Chan MD MSc; Saket Girotra MD SM; Sarah Perman MD MSCE
  - b) American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Resuscitation Pediatric Research Task Force members: Anne-Marie Guerguerian MD PhD FRCPC FAAP FAHA; Ericka L. Fink MD MS; Javier J. Lasa MD FAAP; Joan S. Roberts MD; Lillian Su MD; Linda L. Brown MD MSCE; Maya Dewan MD MPH; Melania M. Bembea MD MPH PhD; Monica Kleinman MD; Punkaj Gupta MBBS; Robert M. Sutton MD MSCE; Ron Reeder MS PhD; Todd Sweberg MD MBA
- 4) The GWTG-R liaison will still be listed as a co-author.
- 5) Use proper nomenclature. When the following first appear in the abstract and paper, they must be spelled out as follows with the designated trademark symbols: Get With The Guidelines® (GWTG), Patient Management Tool™ (PMT), and IQVIA Registry Platform™ (IRP).
  - a) After the first use, the following abbreviations may be used throughout the publication or website: GWTG, PMT, and IRP.

## **Additional resources**

[www.heart.org/QualityResearch](http://www.heart.org/QualityResearch) – Main Page

[www.heart.org/QIPublications](http://www.heart.org/QIPublications) – Online publications library

[www.heart.org/GWTGResuscitationResearch](http://www.heart.org/GWTGResuscitationResearch) – GWTG-R Research information

## **Contact Info**

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