

# Rules for Authorship for Publications from the National Echo Database Of Australia (NEDA)

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This Authorship policy pertains to all publications or abstracts produced using data from more than one centre / site obtained from the National Echo Database Australia (NEDA). This is an official document of the NEDA and was approved in July 2016 and amended in September 2017.

All publications arising from standard ethics approval will use de identified data and those wishing to undertake additional studies must seek the NEDA steering committee's approval and additional ethics approval as required.

## **1. General Authorship policy for publications using NEDA data.**

- a. The first author is the person writing the manuscript, as per standard international authorship guidelines.
- b. The first author will have authorisation from the NEDA steering committee to undertake the research
- c. The first author will also be responsible for determining which authors shall be listed, and the order in which they appear.
- d. The NEDA Principal Investigators will be included in the authorship list to recognise the fact that the existence of the database, data quality control and data cleaning procedures are under the supervision of the NEDA PI's and this effect the quality of the data used by individuals investigators.
- e. The last / senior author is the person supervising the research for that project /manuscript.
- f. All other authors ("middle authors") will have contributed to the data analysis and writing, and these names will be determined by the lead author. This may include members of the NEDA steering committee.

## **2. Authorship policy for publications by a NEDA investigator.**

- a. The author must be a recruiting member of NEDA – i.e. must be affiliated with a laboratory contributing data to NEDA.
- b. The Principal Investigator for that site should be included as an investigator, with the other authors and the order of authorship based on the General Authorship Policy above.
- c. The NEDA principal investigators will be included in the authorship list.

**3. Authorship policy for publications using NEDA data merged with another data source.**

- a. The NEDA Steering Committee must agree on the project before it is undertaken, with appropriate ethical and governance review if required.
- b. The General Authorship policy (described above) will apply, and the authorship should be agreed upon prior to approval by the NEDA Steering Committee.
- c. The NEDA principal investigators will be included in the authorship list.

**4. Authorship policy for publications for which the application is outside of NEDA**

- a. The NEDA Steering Committee must agree on the project, with appropriate ethical and governance review if required.
- b. The General Authorship policy (described above) will apply, and the authorship should be agreed upon prior to approval by the NEDA Steering Committee.
- c. The NEDA principal investigators will be included in the authorship list.

**5. Publications or abstracts written by a NEDA investigator using de-identified data from their own laboratory, extracted from NEDA.**

- a. The NEDA Steering Committee must agree on the project, with appropriate ethical and governance review if required.
- b. The local investigators will determine the authorship, using the General Authorship Policy described above.