



**Growing Minds
Australia**

Publications and Authorship Policy

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1. Purpose

This document provides publication guidelines for the Growing Minds Australia (GMA) membership. It covers the goals and guidelines for authorship and acknowledgements related to the dissemination of GMA supported (funded) outputs. It covers all funded outputs of the GMA research group that convey information outside the members of GMA, including:

Journal Articles; Preprints; Conference/Meeting Abstracts/Proceedings/Presentations; White Papers; Workshops; Software and Data Releases; Protocols, and Policies.

2. Guidelines on Authorship – Growing Minds Australia

It is expected that GMA members generally will follow the general guidelines prevalent in the research community regarding authorship as outlined by the 2019 NHMRC Guidelines on Authorship, with specific references to the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (<https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/attachments/Authorship-Guide.pdf>).

2.1 Guidelines on Authorship – Growing Minds Australia Clinical Trials Network Endorsement

Studies which receive endorsement under the Growing Minds Australia Clinical Trials Network (distinct from Growing Minds Australia) will be subject to a distinct authorship policy, which is under development and will be made available within due course along with the endorsement application guidelines.

3. Guidelines on Peer-Reviewed Publications by Members for GMA funded projects

Internal Manuscript and Major National/International Presentation tracking

Planned manuscripts & presentations must be logged on the research consortium tracker for preview by GMA members/investigators: [Growing Minds Australia Publication Tracker.xlsx](#)

The research tracker records planned publications by title, brief description, person point of contact, and stages of publication. This will be for internal use, password protected, confidential communication only. Projects should be recorded at initial development, with at least six-monthly updates in the specified columns of the tracker.

The tracker will provide an internal timeline of development.

The tracker will be used to identify conflicts and collaborative opportunities in publication plans, reviewed by the Scientific Advisory Committee on a regular basis.

4. Publication Expectations

The guiding principle for publications of the GMA research consortium is to engage the rich expertise of the members to produce manuscripts for comprehensive, in-depth studies relevant to child and youth mental health research. GMA anticipates the following publication types:

Flagship Papers

Overall (GMA consortium-wide) and specialist area-centric (GMA consortium-wide or specialist-specific collaborations).

These manuscripts will be coordinated with the goal of publishing a collection of papers in top-tier journals through the project life. The planning of these papers will be handled by the Flagship Trials Director and CIs.

Sub-Committee Project Papers

These manuscripts will be coordinated by consortium members engaged in collaborative sub-committee projects, relevant to the GMA funded fellowships. Authors are required to ensure that their papers do not conflict with plans for other papers, to log their planned papers on the Publication Tracker, and to bring any anticipated concerns to the Scientific Advisory Committee.

Other Papers

Authors are requested to ensure for any GMA funded projects that their papers do not conflict with plans for flagship papers and collaborative project papers, and to bring any anticipated concerns to the GMA Scientific Advisory Committee.

It will be the responsibility of the GMA CIs to organize the content of the flagship and sub-committee papers and negotiate the content with other publication priorities. It is expected that individual research groups in will wish to publish results of their efforts in additional publications. Authors of collaborative project and other papers must actively identify and manage any conflicts with plans for Flagship papers. In all cases, consideration, co-authorship or, minimally, acknowledgement should be given to all members who contributed effort and/or materials to any publication. Research groups doing analyses that are similar to each other are encouraged to establish collaborations to coordinate the publication of research results.

5. Acknowledgements

All GMA publications need to acknowledge funding through the Medical Research Future Fund and cite all appropriate grant numbers using the specific language, in the body of the publication: “This research is supported by the Medical Research Future Fund, MRF2006438 Growing Minds Australia: A National Trials Strategy to Transform Child and Youth Mental Health Services”.

All publications receiving Growing Minds Australia funding are expected to list primary authors and then ‘Growing Minds Australia’ as the final author. The full list of Growing Minds Australia Chief Investigators which are to be listed in the supplementary material for the publication can be obtained by emailing Trisha Nowland at trish.nowland@sydney.edu.au.

6. Exceptions and Concerns

Any concerns or requests for exceptions to these guidelines should be brought to the attention of the GMA Steering Committee (via GMA Executive Officer). Such exceptions or grievances may cover any topic area included in, or overlooked by, this policy e.g., challenges in submitting preprints, or in following GMA policies in non-GMA collaboration activities or other considerations like academic competition etc.