



Data Use & Publications Policy

Publications shall refer to the following: abstracts, manuscripts, posters, and/or presentations.

Use of Individual Site Data:

- Each participating hospital may use their own data for internal QI purposes without permission of MROQC
- Any use of individual site data for publications outside of the institution must be reviewed and approved by the respective MROQC QI Working Group and the MROQC Executive Committee (EC) to ensure they are consistent with the overall goals of the MROQC Consortium.
- Participating hospitals must agree to uphold the collaborative nature of MROQC and refrain from using MROQC data to compare itself to other consortium members in any public manner including presentations, publications, publicity, and/or advertising.

Request for Use of Consortium-Wide Data:

- Individuals wishing to use MROQC collaborative-wide data must complete an MROQC Concept & Data Request Form and submit it to support@mroqc.org
 - If a person who is not a member of an MROQC team is interested in making use of MROQC data, the site Clinical Champion must be listed as an author on the data request form and the submission to the respective quality working group must be made by the site Clinical Champion.
 - Additional authors should include members of the WG that oversees the data set requested
 - Any publications based on collaborative-wide data must involve an MROQC Coordinating Center statistician.
 - If you are requesting data for a publication that is attached to a submission deadline, we recommend submitting your concept within 3 months of your deadline (*urgent requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis*)
- Data requests received will be sent to the respective MROQC Quality Improvement Leadership and WG Team (*breast, lung, bone mets, or prostate*) to ensure a request is consistent with the goals of the CQI
- Once reviewed and approved by the respective WG, a data request will go forward to the MROQC EC.
- The MROQC EC will review and provide the final decision before any data is provided to a requester by majority vote (*approval, request for more information, or disapproval*)

Prior to Submission for Publication

- Any drafts and subsequent final version must be reviewed and approved by the following:
- The respective WG overseeing the dataset
- The MROQC EC
 - The final draft must be submitted to the EC for review no later than the Friday before the submission deadline.

**This policy does not apply to press releases and interviews. All requests for press releases and interviews regarding MROQC will be handled by the MROQC Coordinating Center.