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All manuscripts, posters, papers, and presentations related to rural health care or related to the content areas of one's work within the rural health care research center will acknowledge center funding.

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Authorship Guidelines

Goals:

A goal of the RHCRC is to help investigators increase their research productivity through a synergy of work of the center. The center's success will be judged by the quality and quantity of publications, presentations, and future grant applications generated directly or stimulated indirectly by involvement with the center. The goal of these guidelines is to facilitate frequent collaboration in product development.

Procedures/Roles:

Working together as a group of interdisciplinary researchers within a center structure requires identifying the level of participation and contribution to a specific product of specific individuals. While many people may provide general input into a product and contribute ideas to a discussion about a product, not all will make a substantial contribution to the unique ideas and to the work of the project. In general, the leader of a project will be responsible for identifying the main contributors to the project. At the time a decision is made to develop a specific product, the identified leader (i.e. the first author; the principal investigator of a study, etc) should identify those who have already made a substantial contribution to the product as well as any additional individuals who are expected to make a similar contribution to the project.

The center will follow the authorship guidelines recommended by International Committee of Medical Journal Editors: <http://www.icmje.org/index.html#authorsur>. These guidelines differentiate criteria for authorship and criteria for acknowledgement.

The project leader should complete the attached form and submit to the director of the RHCRC for suggestions of additional authors and for recommendation of approval to the executive committee. The list of products and contributors will be kept in an Excel spreadsheet and a copy shall be reviewed at each executive committee meeting. This database will serve as documentation of the products generated from the proposal. The list of contributors to be acknowledged (who are not authors) shall be identified by the project leader in consultation with the RHCRC director.

Some products require quick turnaround times: such as abstracts to be submitted for presentations as well as invitations to present the research. If time isn't available to go through the executive committee then the researcher should submit the form as soon as possible and

additional authors can be added as needed to the actual presentation or to publications of the work.

Principles:

In no case will authorship be awarded in an honorary fashion. Meaningful participation will be required. In general, we will be inclusive. We will search for opportunities for collaboration on work products. There will be products generated from the work of the overall center as well as from specific studies carried out by the center. Each type of product may involve members of the administrative, methods core, principal and co-investigators of studies, expert consultants, and/or doctoral students. The guiding principle will be providing a meaningful contribution to the product.