

## PLUTO: Regulations for PLUTO-based Studies and Publications

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The PLUTO data are available to scientists/clinicians whose centers regularly contribute to PLUTO. Data can be used to perform scientific studies which will preferably lead to a publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

### Access to the data

To obtain access to the data, a written request will be addressed to the chairperson of the PLUTO Steering Committee serving as custodian of the registry with a copy to the chairperson of the SIOPEL group. Decision to release the data must be agreed by both.

The request must contain:

- Title, objectives and description of the study
- Supporting letter by the program director
- Name and affiliation of the investigator(s)
- The list of data to be extracted from the PLUTO database
- A disclosure statement regarding potential conflicts of interest (such as financial affiliations with pharmaceutical companies).

The data will be extracted from the PLUTO database by a collaborator from CINECA. Statistical analysis will be the responsibility of the center performing the study. This analysis must be submitted to the SIOPEL biostatistician who will make a written review of the statistical analysis. This review will be addressed to the PLUTO chairperson.

In case the requested data are not completely available through the PLUTO database, it is allowed to approach centers contributing patients to PLUTO for additional data. A request to the centers will be on SIOPEL letterhead and must be co-signed by the main investigator and the chairperson of the PLUTO steering committee.

### Publications

The results of the study will be submitted to the chairperson of the PLUTO steering committee who will consult with another member(s) of the steering committee, depending on specific issue(s) of the study (e.g. surgical aspects of transplantation, immunosuppression, chemotherapy...).

The investigator will receive the green light for pursuing the writing of the intended oral presentation (and abstract) and/or the publication.

The manuscript of full publications only (this rule does not apply to abstracts and oral/poster communications) will be sent to the chair person of PLUTO (who will submit it to the members of the steering committee) and to the SIOPEL Publication Committee; they will review the manuscript and make suggestions for improvement. At the end of this process, the chair person of PLUTO will give the green light before the paper is submitted.

### Authorship

Authorship of any publication based on PLUTO data (abstract or full paper) is regulated as follows:

First and last authorship for those performing the study

Second and third authorship for the members of the steering committee who have supervised the study.

As many authors as possible (this means as allowed by the journal), in general one per center, according to the number of patients included in the study.

After the last author the statement "for the SIOPEL group" will be included, if appropriate.

All centers that have participated with patients in the study will be listed in a footnote or an appendix, mentioning the program director.

The contribution of CINECA will be acknowledged.

The associations supporting PLUTO (IPTA, CureSearch/Children's Oncology Group) will be mentioned as well.

.The choice of the journal will be made in agreement with the chairperson of the PLUTO steering committee and the chairperson of the SIOPEL group.