Guidelines on Authorship of Medical Papers

Abstract

In the belief that authors and potential authors may be helped by explicit statements of justification for authorship, the following guidelines are offered for research papers, case-series analyses, case reports, review articles, and editorials. These guidelines are based on statements issued by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) that were published recently (1-3) and will eventually be incorporated into the Committee’s document, "Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals" (4, 5).

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