

## **Assignment of tasks**

For analysis of the data the president of the ABCSG will nominate a lead author. A writing committee will be nominated which works under the supervision of the lead author with the ABCSG trial office and ABCSG statistical unit.

Members of the writing committee must fulfill 3 criteria:

- 1) Involvement in trial design
- 2) Involvement in discussing and interpreting the data
- 3) Involvement in the acquisition of patients

Forming the writing committee must be presented the executive board of the ABCSG.

## **Preparing a publication**

The lead author has to present the data/ results to the executive board of the ABCSG. These data/ results will be scientifically discussed. A member of the ABCSG statistical unit has to be involved in this discussion. Before discussion the following data have to be send to the executive board of the ABCSG:

- 1) Rationale of the study and preliminary results
- 2) The study hypothesis
- 3) Study design with statistical plan and clinical endpoints
- 4) Comparison of the results to other relevant publications
- 5) All study results

The lead author has to present these data to the writing committee and the executive board (e.g. phone conference).

The following critical points have to be discussed and defined:

- 1) Main conclusion of the manuscript
- 2) Are there more data to generate for final conclusions?

Based on this discussion a preliminary manuscript has to be prepared by the lead author.

The first draft of manuscript has to be shared with the writing committee and the executive board (no authors should be mentioned in the first draft).

The executive board will nominate the authors in agreement with the lead author.

The president of the ABCSG is generally the last author of the manuscript, except other agreements with the lead author have been defined.

The final manuscript will be generated and shared with the executive board of the ABCSG.

## **Presentation of results**

Planned presentations of study data have to be approved by the executive board of the ABCSG.