

## Authorship in the MoCHiV

These MoCHiV guidelines are based on the guidelines published by the SHCS on their homepage. In principle, authorship credit assignment and publication rules of MoCHiV projects correspond and match to those valid and published for the SHCS in general (see Authorship\_SHCS\_RW\_May08). For the acknowledgment, the most actual updated footnote of SHCS members published online should always be used (<http://www.shcs.ch> → SHCS Tools → Footnote)

In order to sufficiently take into account the specific features of MoCHiV, a few additional rules are implemented:

- in principle, each MoCHiV centre should be represented by one of its actual members (Pediatrician, Neonatologist, Obstetrician or Infectious Diseases representative) in all projects based on the use of the database. Depending on the research project, the author list may predominantly contain Pediatricians/Neonatologists or Obstetricians/Gynecologists; ancient coworkers, who are not members of the SHCS any more, will not be acknowledged (except they had contributed substantially to the current work); the actual members of each centre are the ones to decide, which member of their centre will be their representative as an author.
- for projects which mainly depend on prospective collection of additional data, only participating centres will contribute to authorship with representatives;
- for all new and pending projects the author list has to be discussed in the context of the consultation by the MoCHiV (and the SHCS scientific) board. Additional investigators may be considered by the principle investigator during the course of a project.
- for international collaborations the rules of the SHCS for authorship and acknowledgement have to be followed. The author(s) for such projects (usually one or two) have to be proposed to and approved by the MoCHiV board. Changing representatives are be considered for such authorlists.