



# Society for Pediatric Sedation Research Committee Guidelines for Manuscript Review and Approval

The Society for Pediatric Sedation (SPS) Research Committee is charged with reviewing manuscripts produced using data from the Pediatric Sedation Research Consortium (PSRC) database. Investigators understand and have accepted that one of the conditions of using data from the PSRC is that the Research Committee must review and approve the resulting manuscript prior to submission for publication.

Each manuscript will be reviewed by at 3 RC members. The RC reviewer should have the qualifications, time, and commitment to review the manuscript in a timely manner. The reviewer should have **in depth knowledge of the PSRC database** either by being involved with a service/department contributing data (active site or previously contributed data), an SPS board member (past/current) familiar with the database, OR an author in a published manuscript using the PSRC database. The reviewer is expected to submit their review by the deadline established by the individual overseeing the review process. **Failure to submit a review by the deadline may result in expulsion from the RC.**

The aims of the review are to ensure the following:

1. The methods, results, discussion, and conclusion are an accurate representation of the strengths and limitations of the PSRC database.
2. Methodology and data analyses are sound and correct.
3. Interpretations and conclusions made are accurate and justified based on the data presented.
4. Specific recommendations are made to address any areas that may not fulfill these standards.

It is important to explicitly state that the purpose of the review is **not** to influence or change the investigators' work to represent or align with the stance, opinion or viewpoint of the SPS or any other organization or individual.

**We simply want the work to clearly and accurately represent the data.**

We also want the work to be of high quality: any publication associated with the PSRC represents everyone in the consortium, and will impact the consideration of future submissions associated with the PSRC.