



# Pittsburgh Surgical Outcomes Research Center

*Transforming the conduct of clinical research*



## APPLICATION FOR PittSORCE BIOSTATISTICIAN COLLABORATION

Name:

Date:

Email:

Project PI (if different from above):

Project Title:

Description of Collaboration Request:

The following terms and expectations apply to all projects collaborating with PittSORCE and the PittSORCE biostatistician:

1. The PittSORCE biostatistician is an educational resource to help trainees and faculty learn and expand their analytic skills by providing statistical guidance in the collaborative conduct of a study. I certify at least one member of the project will be working with the biostatistician to understand and learn from the analysis with the intention of being able to execute similar analyses in the future or understand the conceptual analytic approach to aid with future study and analysis plan design.
2. The biostatistician will be incorporated as a study team member for study-related meetings and submit input on design and appropriate analytic approaches.
3. The biostatistician will be given appropriate authorship on any abstract/peer-reviewed publication arising from the project according to ICMJE guidelines (contribution to design/analysis/data interpretation AND drafting/revision of methods/results/tables/figures) or acknowledgement in the publication if not meeting these criteria.
4. Statistical analyses require considerable time and effort. Adequate time for the request will be allowed, recognizing the biostatistician has several other commitments within the Department of Surgery. Time must be allowed for data cleaning and preparation for analysis, learning/development of new analytical techniques as required by the project, interpretation and writing up the results. An initial planning meeting between the investigative team and members of PittSORCE will convene to discuss the project goals, hypotheses, and review the nature of the data to be analyzed to allow expectations for all parties to be set early. At this meeting, the investigative team will provide the raw data to enable accurate timeline milestones to be estimated. The biostatistician has the right to revise this timeline if the requested analyses change or can decline projects if deadlines are infeasible.
5. The PittSORCE biostatistician is not a laboratory technician or a for-hire data analyst. If you just need a service to perform statistical analysis for your project and return the results to you, please contact the Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design Core at the CTSI which provides 10 free hours of statistical support per project for researchers at Pitt and UPMC: <https://ctsi.pitt.edu/research-services/core-services/biostatistics-epidemiology-research-design/>  
We will be happy to help facilitate this process with the CTSI.

I agree to the above terms and expectations for collaboration with the PittSORCE biostatistician