

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN AAST AND  
THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OF AN AAST SPONSORED  
MULTI-INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH STUDY**

The American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) congratulates you on the approval of your multi-institutional research study application by the AAST Multi-institutional Trials Committee (MITC).

**Name of Research Project:**

**Name(s) of Principal Investigator(s):**

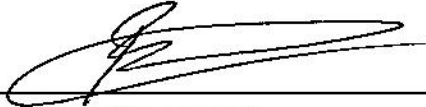
As the Principal Investigator (PI) for this study, you will be primarily responsible for overseeing data collection, data security and data integrity. The AAST requires that data collection for AAST-MITs occurs using the REDCap secure web application for building and managing online surveys and databases. Any significant changes to the data collection variables after study approval requires review and approval by the AAST-MITC.


As the PI of this study, you agree to the following requirement of an AAST-MIT:

1. Data collection must not include any protected health information per HIPAA requirements
2. The PI agrees to retain control of the data and agrees to establish appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to prevent unauthorized use of or access to the data
3. Quarterly enrollment updates must be submitted to the MITC Chair upon request.
4. Data will be made available to AAST members for secondary analysis after approval of their proposal by the MITC
5. Upon completion of study, data will be sent to the AAST central office for storage with other MIT data for possible combined analysis with data from other MITs
6. Data from this MIT will be transmitted to the National Trauma Research Repository for long-term storage upon completion and/or publication of the MIT findings
7. Data from the MIT should be submitted in abstract form to the AAST Annual Meeting and submitted for potential publication to the *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery*. If the manuscript is not accepted by the *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care*

- Surgery*, the PI may publish findings in another journal at their discretion.
8. If the abstract submission is not accepted for presentation at the AAST annual meeting, the PI may submit the abstract to another meeting. If accepted for presentation at another society meeting, the PI may also publish the manuscript in that societies designated journal as required.
  9. All manuscripts produced from data generated in this MIT should acknowledge that this data was generated from an AAST Multi-institutional Study in the methods section.
  10. The expectation is for 2 authors per center to be included on the authorship list for abstracts and manuscripts, assuming those authors have met the minimum requirement for authorship. The lead authors of the study should be listed as either first and second author, or first and last author at the discretion of the PI. The remaining authors from participating centers should be listed in the order of highest center enrollment for this study. All authors that do not fit on the title line of the manuscript per journal limitations should be listed at the conclusion of the manuscript as members of the "AAST XXXX Study Group"

Any issues that may arise during the duration of this AAST MIT should be brought forth promptly to the AAST MITC Chair. By signing below, you agree to adhere to the above requirements of an AAST sponsored MIT.

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