

Process Publication Requests

For centres participating in SMARtCARE, there is an opportunity to use SMARtCARE data for your research questions and publications. Our Steering Committee will discuss your idea, and after a positive vote, we will provide you with the data you need.

We ask that you follow the procedure below when requesting SMARtCARE data:

1. Please send us a one-page proposal to smartcare@uniklinik-freiburg.de explaining your research question.
2. We will then supply an Excel template which you should fill out to document the data fields you would require to answer your research question.
3. We may also ask you for a statistical analysis plan (SAP).
4. Once we have received all the required documents, we will submit your publication proposal to our Steering Committee for approval. Please note that documents must be received by one week before the next meeting date in order to be discussed. The meeting dates of the Steering Committee can be found on our website (www.smartcare.de).
5. If approved, we will send you a letter to that effect, which you should sign and return to us.
6. Please consult with your lead ethics committee in advance to determine whether an independent vote is required for your research project.
7. Please note the following important information on authorship of publications resulting from SMARtCARE data:
 - The authorship requirements applicable to the SMARtCARE Network are regulated in §11 of the main contract.
 - The data supplying centres, the members of the Steering Committee as well as the SMARtCARE Study Group must be listed as co-authors according to the guidelines of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE).

In addition, in the methods section of your publication, the SMARtCARE Registry (DRKS00012699) must be listed as the data source as well as the companies Biogen International GmbH, Novartis Gene Therapies and Roche Pharma AG as sponsors.