

EPOS rules on how to elaborate an EPOS Study Proposal:

- 1. Any Active EPOS Member willing to conduct a study within EPOS will send the study protocol and a short CV of the investigators to the Scientific Committee Chair
- 2. Multicenter collaborative research is of special interest to EPOS
- 3. The Scientific Committee will discuss the protocol within 30 days after submission and make a decision: rejected, revision, approved
- 4. A study protocol which has been 'approved' will be considered an 'EPOS Study'
- 5. The study protocol will be published on EPOS website and any EPOS Member willing to collaborate in the research will contact the Scientific Committee Chair and the Principal Investigator by email
- 6. The principal investigator of an 'EPOS Study' must submit an abstract to the EPOS Meeting when the study has been completed
- 7. Access to EPOS data is given to authors of studies approved by the Scientific Committee
- 8. Authorship in EPOS Studies abides by the recommendations of the International Committee of Medical Journals Editors.