DATA USAGE AND PUBLICATION POLICY
Agreed during RHINESSA Solstrand meeting May 2019 and mail discussion thereafter.
The agreed policy will be reviewed in relation to the RHINESSA Annual conference 2020.
The policy is available on the RHINESSA website www.rhinessa.net.
RHINESSA project leader, vice PI, centres PIs are listed on the website in the document “Management and organisation of RHINESSA”.

DATA USAGE
A data usage form is provided at the web-site www.rhinessa.net.
(For questions, contact PI data management Ane Johannessen).

PUBLICATION POLICY
Authorship
Uniform Requirements for Authorship and Contributorship from the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (www.icmje.org): Authorship credit should be based on 1) substantial contributions to conception and design, acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data; 2) drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and 3) final approval of the version to be published. Authors should meet conditions 1, 2, and 3.

The following will be recognized through authorship:
1. All centres that have collected data will be invited to participate; analyses including both parents and offspring data will invite centre PIs of both studies. Number of study participants can be given some consideration.
2. Writing the paper and analysing the data.
3. Intellectual contribution, contribution in protocol development/ methods development, and Intellectual and practical contribution in establishing the cohorts, also the index cohorts.
   (Establish cohorts: For RHINESSA, project leader Cecilie Svanes, vice PI Vivi Schlünssen. For ECRHS, project leader Deborah Jarvis and possibly relevant working group leader (DJ will know who). For RHINE, project leader Christer Janson and possibly relevant field expert (CJ will know who).

Centre PIs have the responsibility to distribute opportunities for authorship in their centre.

Junior researchers are encouraged to first-author publications, and it is acknowledged that these may need several co-authors from their own centre. The points 1-4 above should still be considered. Early to mid-career researchers should generally first-author a publication before co-authoring, however, the centre PI can decide differently.

In joint projects where RHINESSA is only part of the project, RHINESSA project leader, vice PI, centres PIs will discuss authorship and consider the above.

Analyses should include data from all centres whenever possible, and such analyses should be given priority. Single centre analyses may be needed, but it is important that these do not harm publication of analyses from all centres. In analyses of RHINE/RHINESSA in which non-RHINE centres do not have data (not parent data), RHINESSA PIs of non-RHINE centres will be invited to contribute with one co-author due to contribution in establishing the cohort, point 3 above.

Centres that have particular protocols only for that centre (those few centres) define their own publication policy. Substantial intellectual input provided by RHINESSA, RHINE and/or ECRHS will be recognized through authorship.

Priority to a specific analysis will be discussed by centre PIs and leader team, if needed. Previous contribution to the RHINESSA, ECRHS and RHINE studies and to the field will be considered.
Process of paper writing

Development of plans of analyses (PoA): A PoA is developed by a lead author and promoted through a centre PI who takes responsibility for the plan. Please suggest involved parts, based on points 1-4 above. Alternatively, a PoA can be promoted through PI Svanes or vice PI Schlünssen. The first notion of a new analysis can be a conference abstract with preliminary analyses, sent to the PI and vice PI with suggested involved parts; this is not optimal.

Notice to leader, co-ordinating centre and centre PIs: The PoA is sent to PI Svanes and vice PI Schlünssen, with copy to the project manager. They will comment on potential overlap with other analyses, involved parts (points 1-4) and availability of suggested data/samples (to be discussed with lead data management Johannessen and/or lead biobank Bertelsen). The PoA is then sent to centre PIS and to the project-co-ordinator who keeps records.

Invitation to co-author: The first/last author then invites eligible co-authors (specified according to points 1-4) to comment on the PoA. Centre PIs will determine co-author/s from their centre, and notify the first author. In the case that a centre does not respond, the lead author should contact the centre in order to ensure whether they want to participate or not.

Development of manuscript: The first author will set time lines and circulate the drafts. The first author must circulate to all co-authors a minimum of one early manuscript draft and a pre-final draft. Co-authors are expected to contribute to circulated drafts by the deadlines set by the first author of the publication (or discuss another time line with the first author), and approve the final draft. The first author must send a final draft to the project coordinator who will keep records.

Time limits: Analyses should be performed within reasonable time limits. Generally a first draft with completed analyses should be circulated within one year and the paper published or submitted for publication within 2 years.