

Pathway for Protocol Development

1. Idea for project discussed at PSG steering committee.

OR/AND

2. Principle investigator (PI) drafts protocol and circulates PSG committee members and PSG liaison nurses by email.
3. Individuals feed back to PI.
4. PSG committee members and PSG liaison nurses discuss with their respective colleagues at Unit level.
5. Unit medical and nursing comments fed back to PI by the respective PSG committee members and PSG liaison nurses.
6. PI redrafts protocol with summary of salient points fed back to him/her.
7. PI then circulates protocol to PSG committee members and PSG liaison nurses by email again and also circulates the ANZICS paediatric email list, inviting comments (paed_list@anzics.com.au).
8. Steps 3 to 7 repeated as necessary. The Chair of the PSG committee shall steer this to avoid an endless loop.
9. Protocol submitted to PSG steering committee for PSG endorsement (may not be 100% consensus).
10. If not endorsed, Chair feeds back to PI and invites resubmission. Chair may seek external arbitration.
11. When endorsed, Chair of PSG committee submits protocol to the CTG and arranges for the protocol to be presented at the Noosa or ANZICS ASM CTG open meeting for discussion prior to CTG endorsement.