



INTERNATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC DIVERSITY ALLIANCE

RESEARCH SURVEY POLICY

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Research Survey Policy is to guide the publication of survey requests and to ensure a fair and transparent process for selecting surveys to be featured in IODA's newsletters and/or social media channels.

POLICY

1. Introduction

The International Orthopaedic Diversity Alliance (IODA) recognises the importance of promoting and supporting research initiatives that contribute to enhancing diversity, inclusion, and equity in the field of orthopaedics. To ensure the dissemination of valuable and relevant research surveys, IODA has established this Research Survey Policy to guide the publication of survey requests and to ensure a fair and transparent process for selecting surveys to be featured.

2. Research Survey Requests Submission

2.1. Eligibility: IODA welcomes research survey requests from individuals, institutions, and organisations engaged in research related to diversity, equity and inclusion in orthopaedics.

2.2. Submission Procedure: Research survey requests must be submitted via info@orthopaedicdiversity.org. The submission form should include essential details such as the survey's purpose, significance, target audience, ethical considerations, and expected impact on orthopaedic diversity. It should also include information on how participants' data will be collected, stored, and used.

2.3. Review Period: All research survey requests will undergo a thorough review by the Research Survey Panel (RSP) before publication.

3. Research Survey Panel (RSP)

3.1. Composition: The Research Survey Panel will comprise a group of IODA representatives with an understanding of research in orthopaedic diversity, appointed by the IODA Board as required.

3.2. Responsibilities:

- a) Evaluate survey requests based on their relevance to orthopaedic diversity, equity and inclusivity.
- b) Assess the ethical considerations and compliance with research standards and guidelines.
- c) Determine the potential impact of the survey on advancing diversity, equity and inclusion in orthopaedics.

3.3. Decision Process: The RSP will evaluate survey requests on an ad hoc basis, via email circular resolution, and the decision to publish a survey request will be made based on a consensus among the panel members.

4. Survey Publication

4.1. Frequency: IODA will publish one research survey per newsletter edition, and/or one research survey per month via social media, to ensure balanced content and to maintain the relevance of the surveys featured.

4.2. Newsletter: The selected research survey will be announced in the IODA newsletter, along with a brief description and a link to access the survey.

4.3. Social media: The selected research survey will be announced via IODA's social media channels, along with a brief description and a link to access the survey.

4.4. Notification: The submitter of the selected survey will be notified by IODA regarding its publication in the newsletter/across IODA's social media channels.

5. Ethical Considerations

5.1. Consent and Data Privacy: All survey request submissions must adhere to the highest ethical standards regarding informed consent and data privacy. The submitter must provide clear information on how participants' data will be collected, stored, and used.

5.2. Anonymity and Confidentiality: Survey requests should ensure participants' anonymity and confidentiality, protecting their personal information and responses.

5.3. Research Integrity: IODA reserves the right to reject survey requests that raise concerns about research integrity or potential harm to participants.

6. Endorsement and Badging

6.1. IODA's distribution of a research survey does not imply the survey's endorsement, nor does it allow for badging. Associating IODA with a research survey, unless explicitly agreed, is prohibited.

7. Enquiries and Submissions

If you have any queries about the IODA Research Survey Policy, or would like to submit your research survey for review, please contact us at: info@orthopaedicdiversity.org