What is PRINTO?

Short history of PRINTO

The Paediatric Rheumatology International Trials Organisation (PRINTO at www.printo.it) is a not for profit, non-governmental, international research network founded by Alberto Martini and Nicolino Ruperto in 1996. PRINTO, that initially included 14 European countries, represents now a network of 640 centres with 1350 members from almost 90 countries worldwide. The goal of our organization is to foster, facilitate and co-ordinate the development, conduct, analysis, and reporting of multi-centres, international clinical trials and/or outcome standardisation studies in children with paediatric rheumatic diseases (PRD).

PRINTO also fosters the training of young fellows in Pediatric Rheumatology through different education fellowship programs.

PRINTO coordinating centre

The International Coordinating Centre is based in Genoa at IRCCS Istituto Giannina Gaslini, one of the biggest children’s hospital in Italy. The chief function of the International Coordinating Centre is to facilitate the flow of logistic and scientific aspects needed to design, launch and manage multi-centred, multi-national, collaborative studies.

The PRINTO Academic Research Activities

PRINTO acts as an international academic research service to the paediatric rheumatology community for the implementation of non-for profit trials and other investigator’s initiated studies (consensus projects, cross-cultural adaptation of questionnaires, training, standardized information for families etc).

Many projects coordinated by the network have been funded by the European Union or other public bodies.

PRINTO is currently coordinating the following projects:

- The JIA classification study: the PRINTO Evidence-based revision of the International League Against Rheumatism (ILAR) Classification criteria for juvenile idiopathic Arthritis
- The STARS trial: interventional clinical trial for the comparison of Step-up and step-down therapeutic strategies in childhood ARthritis
- Pharmachild: pharmacovigilance JIA registry
- Eurofever: registry of patients (children and adults) with autoinflammatory diseases
- The Cross-cultural adaptation and validation of the Localised Scleroderma Quality of Life Instrument (LoSQI) in JLS study proposed by Dr Clare Pain won the 2019 joint PReS and PRINTO call for projects in the context of the PReS Working Parties 2.0.
- The DAISY Study: with the support of FOREUM, (Foundation for Research in Rheumatology), the study aims to define the applicability of standardized ultrasound examination to estimate disease activity in combination with JADAS and inflammation markers in JIA patients
- The International registry on COVID-19 related Hyperinflammation in children and young adults (HyperPED-COVID), is a multicenter effort to collect information on clinical presentation, laboratory parameters, clinical outcome and response to treatment of patients with COVID-19 related hyperinflammation.

As a result of academic initiatives, more than 38,000 patients have been enrolled from about 300 centres in 67 different countries.

Collaboration with pharmaceutical companies

PRINTO collaborates with several pharmaceutical companies in the pediatric investigation plan (PIP), protocol and case report form development, site selection through dedicated feasibilities among PRINTO members, training, monitoring, analysis and reporting of clinical trials.

As a result of this collaboration, over 3,500 patients have been enrolled from more than 260 centres in 40 different countries.

Publications: Over 230 manuscripts have been published, including 822 authors with 48% of them in multiple publications.

https://www.printo.it/publications/papers

PRINTO for Families: PRINTO has created a dedicated website

www.printo.it/pediatric-rheumatology

that offers scientific information regarding the pediatric rheumatic diseases (PRD), the list of centres dealing with PRD, and the list of the family associations in more than 60 languages. The information reported in the website allow the families to have a clear picture of the current standards of care of the patients affected by pediatric rheumatic diseases.
Why being a PRINTO member

As a PRINTO member you will be actively involved in the projects developed and coordinated by the network that result in international publications.

In 2020 PRINTO has reached more than 1350 members in 640 centres from 90 countries worldwide.

If you wish to become a PRINTO member and receive regular updates about our research activity and invitations to our projects, please follow the link below:

www.printo.it/contact/apply-membership

Your cooperation will be more than welcome and your effort will be essential for the research in the field of paediatric rheumatic diseases.

PRINTO member countries in the world

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