

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 the 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 (The Methotrexate trial in JIA, The quality of life project for the PRD, JDM and JSLE diagnosis criteria, A website for families of children with pediatric rheumatic diseases, Research Training in pediatric rheumatology, Pharmachild registry, Abirisk registry, INSAID and EuroFever registry).

PRINTO is currently coordinating the following projects:

- **JIA classification study:** the PRINTO Evidence-based revision of the International League Against Rheumatism (ILAR) Classification criteria for juvenile idiopathic Arthritis
- **STARS:** interventional 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
- **C4C Conect4children (c4c):** PRINTO is partner of the "conect4children" network for European clinical trials for children (c4c), a new consortium that aims to enhance the competitiveness of Europe as a critical region for developing medicines for young patients
- **MyPan:** randomised trial on childhood polyarteritis nodosa

As a result of academic initiatives, almost **37,500** 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 feasibility studies 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 140 manuscripts have been published, including 753 authors with 45% 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 2018 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 go to:

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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