

# Policy Relating to Copyrighted MSMR Intellectual Property



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*A policy statement from the Massachusetts Society for Medical Research, Inc.*

## *Purpose and Scope of Policy*

The creation of copyrighted works and the reproduction and use of those works is one of the ways the Massachusetts Society for Medical Research, Inc. (MSMR) fulfills its mission of fostering a better understanding of biomedical research and biotechnology amongst the public, the media, and future generations of citizens and scientists. This Policy is intended to safeguard the interests of the MSMR by ensuring that its intellectual property is protected from copyright infringement.

This Policy concerns the reproduction and use of those works – or intellectual property – copyrighted by the MSMR, in accordance with the Copyright Law of the United States (17 U.S.C. (United States Code)). This statement sets forth policy for works produced at, by, or through the Massachusetts Society for Medical Research, Inc.

This Policy applies to MSMR employees, to other persons or entities using designated MSMR facilities or acting under contract with the MSMR for commissioned works, and to persons or entities acting under contract or agreement with the MSMR to distribute or reproduce MSMR programs and/or materials.

*A listing of MSMR copyrighted works produced as of adoption of this policy can be found in Appendix A. A listing of works produced after the date of adoption should be made by contacting the MSMR in writing.*

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## *Policies*

### *Copyright Agreement and Notification*

The MSMR shall have the sole right to determine the disposition of its copyrighted intellectual property. That determination shall take into account the interests of the MSMR, its constituencies, and its end users, including the MSMR's professional or ethical convictions concerning the use of its intellectual property.

At its discretion, the MSMR may grant to any person or entity the right to use, reproduce or disseminate a work, in any format or medium, in whole or in part, provided that the integrity of the article is guaranteed and not compromised in any way; that the MSMR is duly identified as the original publisher; and that attribution of ownership and correct citation details are endorsed on the reproduced product or its parts.

Responsibility for the disposition of MSMR intellectual property resides with the MSMR Executive Committee, subject to policies developed by the same.

### *Licensing Agreements*

When a person or entity enters into a licensing agreement with the MSMR, it should be clearly understood that they are not acquiring ownership of the work but are instead acquiring only the rights, as set forth in the terms of the licensing agreement, to "use" the product. Terms and fees set forth in licensing agreements are those mutually agreeable to the parties to agreement. Factors to be taken into consideration by the MSMR in the determination of those terms and fees will include extent of MSMR resource contribution to the work and potential uses for the work by the licensee.

### *Copyright and New Technology*

All MSMR copyrighted works on the Internet or electronically available require permission for use beyond the availability for visual review of the works.

### *Permission*

Persons or entities seeking to use MSMR-copyrighted works must obtain permission from the MSMR and add the price of the royalties or licensing fees, if any, to the price of the materials. A request to copy an MSMR-copyrighted work should be sent to the MSMR offices c/o the MSMR President. Permission requests should contain the following:

- Title, author, and/or editor, and edition
- Exact material to be used, giving page numbers, chapters or other descriptors
- Number of copies to be made

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- Use to be made of the copied materials
- Form of distribution (classroom, newsletter, etc.)
- Whether the material is to be sold

Furthermore, the MSMR requires receipt of a single copy of the product in which its work(s) has/have been used within 30 days of final publication. ■

## APPENDIX A

### *Listing of Copyrighted MSMR Intellectual Property by Title*

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The terms and conditions described in the **Policy Relating to Copyrighted MSMR Intellectual Property** apply to each and all of the following MSMR-copyrighted works:

#### Audiovisual

*Saving Lives: Improving Health through Biomedical Research*<sup>©MSMR</sup> video

#### Print Works

*Breakfast for the Brain*<sup>©MSMR</sup>

*Casey's Awakening*<sup>©MSMR</sup>

*Communicating Science & Medicine to Children*<sup>©MSMR</sup>

*HEADS ON! for Healthy Living*<sup>©MSMR</sup>

Human and Animal Disease Fact Sheets:

*Alzheimer's Disease*<sup>©MSMR</sup>

*Arthritis*<sup>©MSMR</sup>

*Diabetes*<sup>©MSMR</sup>

*Lyme Disease*<sup>©MSMR</sup>

*Multiple Sclerosis*<sup>©MSMR</sup>

*Parkinson's Disease*<sup>©MSMR</sup>

*Polio*<sup>©MSMR</sup>

*Rabies*<sup>©MSMR</sup>

*Traumatic Brain Injury*<sup>©MSMR</sup>

*LAB Notes*<sup>©MSMR</sup> classroom newsletter, all issues

*MSMR News*<sup>©MSMR</sup> newsletter

*People & Animals: United for Health*<sup>©MSMR</sup> elementary health & science calendar

*People & Animals: United for Health*<sup>©MSMR</sup> secondary-school curriculum resource package

*Risky Business: Skills, Awareness & Understanding of Risk Assessment*<sup>©MSMR</sup> curriculum guidelines

*Science Beat*<sup>©MSMR</sup> classroom newsletter

#### Programmatic Works

*Infusing Critical & Creative Thinking into Science Classrooms*<sup>©MSMR</sup> workshop (program and print materials)

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*People & Animals: United for Health*® MSMR calendar workshop (program and materials)

*People & Animals: United for Health*® MSMR curriculum workshop (program and materials)

*Role and Functioning of the IACUC*® MSMR workshop (program and materials)

*Science Beat: Careers in Biomedicine*® MSMR

*Science Beat: The IACUC Process*® MSMR

*Science Beat: The Research Process*® MSMR

*Training Partners*® MSMR workshop (program and materials)

*Values & Decision-making in Biomedical Science*® MSMR

*What's in a Label?*® MSMR

*What's My Line?*® MSMR

*Who IZZIT?*® MSMR

## Other

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