NCCN Commercial Licensing and Permissions Process
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If you would like any further information concerning NCCN or NCCN Content, please visit our website at [www.nccn.org](http://www.nccn.org).
NCCN Firewalls

- NCCN imposes strict policies to shield the guidelines development processes from external influences.

- The “firewall” surrounding the NCCN Guidelines processes includes:
  - financial support policies
  - panel participation and communication policies;
  - guidelines disclosure policies;
  - and policies regarding relationships to NCCN’s other business development activities.

- NCCN does not accept any form of industry or other external financial support for the guideline development program.

- Development of NCCN Guidelines is supported exclusively by NCCN Member Institution dues.
Permissions Process Overview

1. Requestor submits a Permissions Request Form and draft materials
2. BD staff determines if an agreement is needed
3. BD staff reviews materials for trademarking
4. BD staff sends materials to Clinical Information Team for review
5. BD staff sends required revisions of materials to requestor
6. Requestor returns revised materials; BD confirms revisions and sends approval email to requestor

BD=Business Development
Permission to Cite or Use NCCN Content

If your organization would like to use, reproduce, and/or distribute NCCN Content for any purpose, please review the applicable information below, log in to NCCN.org, and complete the Permissions Request Form. Please also view this Permissions 101 Webinar and informative slide set on how to properly cite NCCN Content and submit your materials for approval.

NCCN Permissions Request Policies:

- All materials that reference NCCN Content must go through the permissions request process (see Legal Notices)
- All requests must be submitted online via the form below
- Permission for use of NCCN Content is not guaranteed; NCCN must review intended use for accuracy and context
- Permissions and use fees vary depending upon quantity, specific use, format, etc.
- Materials submitted for review must be NCCN Content and not be credited to another source
- NCCN makes every effort to process permissions requests within 7-10 business days
- Submitted materials that do not reflect the most updated NCCN Guidelines version may be delayed
- See NCCN Referencing Guidance for important information on how to properly reference NCCN Guidelines content

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Permissions Process

- **Process to submit**
  - Please login to NCCN.org to access the Permissions Request Form.
  - Please upload draft materials directly to the Permissions Request Form.
    - No wait time to submit draft materials.
    - Please do not submit the Form without draft materials uploaded.

- After receiving draft materials, NCCN will review to determine if a license is required.

- Once a fully executed agreement is in place, NCCN will issue an invoice (if applicable).

- Permissions Team will send drafted materials to NCCN Guidelines Staff (not Panel Members) for review.

- Required edits will need to be made and resubmitted for final approval.

- Upon final approval of content, NCCN will send an email finalizing permission.

- Once final approval is received, requestor has a year from submission date to update materials and submit draft through the original email thread.
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• NCCN Permissions Licensing Agreements:

  • Per Project Licensing Agreement vs. Annual Licensing Agreement:

    • Per Project Licensing Agreement is granted for a single use case for one year (for example, one website, one marketing piece, one banner ad, etc.).

    • An Annual Licensing Agreement provides the rights to reference one or more Guidelines for one year for an unlimited number of use cases. An Annual license is financially advantageous if you will cite a specific Guideline in more than 7 or 8 use cases/projects per year.
Draft Submission Requirements

All drafts should be uploaded to the Permissions Request Form at NCCN.org/permissions

Draft Requirements:
• All drafts must be submitted in a readable and searchable PDF format.
• On the first page, please list all pages in which NCCN Content/references are located.
• On all pages, please highlight and/or box the NCCN Content to be reviewed.
• Please cite the Permission Request # assigned to your request on all communications.
• Please submit the entire draft including NCCN Content and non-NCCN Content.

Audio/Video Recorded Content:
• If content is scripted, submit the script to NCCN prior to recording.
• If content is un-scripted, it will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
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Using the NCCN Guidelines®

• The most current NCCN Content/Guideline version must be used.
  - NCCN will not review material that references outdated content and will request an updated draft prior to initiating the review process.

• Appropriate NCCN branding/trademarking standards must be followed.

• Appropriate credit language must be added.

• Content must be consistent with the original NCCN Guidelines and cannot appear to be favoring a specific product unless this is specified in the NCCN Guidelines.
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Using the NCCN Logo

• The NCCN logo cannot be used in whole or in part in any commercial materials.

Use of Third-Party Content

• Any other use of third-party content (i.e., staging tables or citation from JNCCN) requires permission from the original source.
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Using the NCCN Guidelines (continued)

• Algorithm or figure page(s) cannot be used in its entirety, unchanged within branded pieces – it must be adapted significantly if used promotionally.

• How to appropriately adapt an algorithm or table:
  o Remove NCCN logo, headers, footers, and clinical trial information.
  o Add appropriate reference statement specific to adapted algorithms.
  o Change font, spacing, style, coloring, etc. (content should be distinguishable from an algorithm page in the NCCN Guidelines).
Algorithms in Promotional Materials: Improper Use
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Referencing Recommendations included within NCCN Guidelines

- **Generic Drug Names** – NCCN Guidelines always recommend the generic, and do not recommend a brand.

- **NCCN Recommendation is a treatment OPTION.**

- **Do not use the phrase “standard of care”** when referring to recommendations in the NCCN Guidelines.

- **The term “certain patients” may be used** if the full NCCN recommendation cannot be listed on a piece due to regulatory requirements or space limitations.

- **If including both the NCCN Category of Evidence and the NCCN Category of Preference**, the Category of Evidence should be first, followed by the Category of Preference.

- **Caution should be used when making “only” statements regarding NCCN Guidelines.**

- **Stay true to how the NCCN recommendation is written and avoid subjective commentary.**
  - For example, avoid “highest recommendation,” use “preferred” only when explicitly noted, and avoid oversimplification of recommendations.
NCCN and NCCN Guidelines must be referenced according to the NCCN written identity

When “NCCN” is mentioned:
First Mention: National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®)
All Other Mentions: NCCN

When “NCCN Guidelines” are mentioned:
First Mention: NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines In Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®)
Second Mention: NCCN Guidelines®
All Other Mentions: NCCN Guidelines

Please note that trademarks cannot be combined.

When other NCCN Content (e.g., Guidelines for Patients, Guidelines with Evidence Blocks, etc.) is mentioned: Please reach out to the Business Development team member who is managing your request with additional trademarking rules specific to the NCCN Content you are referencing.
Email Subject Lines:
Mention of “NCCN” use NCCN
Mention of “NCCN Guidelines” use NCCN Guidelines®

Preheader Text (always use the first mention):
Mention of “NCCN” use National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®)
Mention of “NCCN Guidelines” use NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®)
The Proper Method for Referencing and Adapting NCCN Guidelines

**Proper citing when referencing:**
Referenced with permission from the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) for Guideline Name V.X.202X. © National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. 202X. All rights reserved. Accessed [Month and Day, Year]. To view the most recent and complete version of the guideline, go online to NCCN.org.

**Proper citing when adapting an NCCN Figure/Algorithm:**
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No Warranties Statement and NCCN Abbreviation

Please include on all materials that reference NCCN or the NCCN Guidelines:

• **No Warranties Statement**
  NCCN makes no warranties of any kind whatsoever regarding their content, use or application and disclaims any responsibility for their application or use in any way.

• **Accepted Abbreviations**
  NCCN = National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®)
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NCCN Global/International Permissions

How does Global differ from US?

**Pricing**
- Global Fee Structure
- International Fee Structure

**Territory**
- International (single country or multiple countries not including US)
- Global (US and other areas of distribution)
- Global or Specific Country written in agreement under territory

**Translations**
- Translation verification of content OR Full translation of NCCN content
Common Submission Issues & How to Avoid Them

Use Correct Trademarking
• Please have the correct NCCN reference statements and written identity completed for draft submission.

Follow the Process
• Please upload your materials directly to the Permissions Request Form. Please do not submit a Request Form if your draft materials are not ready yet.

Complete the Request Form Accurately and in Detail
• Please complete all fields on the Permissions Request Form.
• Please check all Guidelines being referenced, area of distribution and how many copies/views-these are most helpful for quoting purposes.

Escalate Requests Appropriately
• If you do not receive responses within the stated timeframe, please email the contact you are working with directly on the request and cc: permissionsrequest@nccn.org.
“Seal of Approval” Artwork

NOT PERMITTED

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Proximity of NCCN Name to the Brand Name

- The NCCN name cannot be located directly next to the Brand name/logo
- The NCCN name cannot be located directly above or below the Brand name/logo
- There must be a significant amount of space between the location of the NCCN name and the Brand name/logo
- Brand logo must be removed from slides that contain NCCN content, only
Example 1: If the brand name/logo is located at the top of the material(s), the NCCN mention must be located close to the middle of the material(s) or further down the page.

| NCCN RECOMMENDED | Generic name (Brand) is a PREFERRED first-line therapy option (Category 1) for breast cancer |
Example 1 (cont.): If the brand name/logo is located at the top of the E-mail, the NCCN mention must be located close to the middle of the E-mail or further **down** the page.
Example 2: If the brand name/logo is located close to the middle of the material(s), the NCCN mention must be located at the very bottom of the page or close to the top of the page. If NCCN is close to the top of the page, please make sure it does not appear as a title to the material(s).
Use of Checkmarks in Materials

✓ Any artwork that contains checkmarks/symbols and comes across as an NCCN logo/stamp or NCCN “Seal of Approval” will not be permitted.

✓ Checkmarks located directly next to the NCCN name may denote a seal of approval and are not permitted.

✓ Checkmarks located directly next to your company’s brand name/logo are not permitted.

✓ Checkmarks *may* be utilized as bullet points in charts and diagrams, but the brand name, brand logo, or NCCN name may not be included in the diagram and/or chart.

✓ **Key Takeaway:** Try your best to avoid the use of any symbols or checkmarks in the materials that you submit to NCCN. This will ensure a timely review with fewer revisions. If you are using checkmarks and symbols, we will provide you with feedback if necessary.
Helpful Hints

• Guideline Version Updates: Please update your materials as NCCN Guidelines update.
• If you are submitting several materials using the same language, you can submit them together under one Permissions Request Form.
• If timing precludes submitting together, submit a new Permissions Request Form for each draft.
  o Annotate phrases and citations in the new piece referencing formerly approved material by indicating the previous Request #.
• Reply to the most recent communication emailed from NCCN to maintain the chain of communication.
• Please include your Permission Request # in all communications.
• Please read and adhere to the draft requirements on the Permissions Request Form.
• Please make all changes indicated by NCCN; these are required revisions, not suggestions.
• NCCN processes Requests on a first-in, first-out basis; we cannot accommodate “rushed” or “expedited” submissions.
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

NCCN Website contains 48 FAQs related to:

- Requesting Permission
- Referencing
- Journal Articles
- Clinical Review/Feedback
- Pricing
- Process Timing
- Penalties
- General NCCN Questions
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Website: NCCN.org/permissions

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