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## Y-ECCO/ClinCom call for Y-ECCO Small Research Survey Proposals

**The call for research proposals returns with opportunities for Y-ECCO Members to propose and perform a brief, focused research project with ClinCom/Y-ECCO guidance and ECCO support.**

At the 14<sup>th</sup> Congress of ECCO in Copenhagen, the Young ECCO Committee (Y-ECCO) and the Clinical Research Committee of ECCO (ClinCom) jointly conducted a survey of attendees entitled "Ileocolonic Crohn's Disease post-operative recurrence prophylaxis after curative ileocolonic resection with ileocolonic anastomosis". It targeted a large sample of gastroenterologists and surgeons generating results that will be prepared for publication. This project followed on from other successful surveys: The previous one investigating withdrawal of therapy in IBD was distributed at ECCO'18 and accepted as a [hard copy poster at ECCO'19](#).

Based on these successes, we are now asking **Y-ECCO Members to propose a new survey study**. The best proposal (as assessed by members of the Y-ECCO Committee) will then be reviewed by ClinCom for improvement. The final version will eventually be approved by the ECCO Governing Board. The winning survey will then be performed at the ECCO Congress 2020, in Vienna: the winners will receive the full support of ECCO in distributing print copies of the survey in selected educational courses, as well as in collecting and collating data.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Y-ECCO investigators to access the resource of the ECCO Office and the entire ECCO Membership.

Applications need to be well thought through and structured, and should address a current and pertinent question in IBD. The research question does **NOT** need to be huge or over-ambitious – we would welcome simple but interesting proposals that are

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deliverable within one year.

A paid Y-ECCO Membership is not required to submit a proposal. Proposals submitted by submitters with active Y-ECCO Membership will however be prioritised. All submitters should meet the criteria required to be a Y-ECCO Member: To be a medical doctor under the age of 35 or still in training.

Please submit proposals structured as:

- Short introduction to the background, aim(s), methodology and other matters (including any relevant financial details): no longer than 1 A4 page
- Draft of the survey to be performed at ECCO'20: no longer than 2 A4 pages

Please note that although no financial support is provided, reasonable printing costs and activities related to the distribution or collection of materials and data entry will be borne by ECCO.

#### **The deadline for applications is August 14, 2019.**

Please send all proposals to [ecco@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu).

No covering letter is required. *Just do it!*

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