



## ECCO Call for Participants in the ECCO Guideline on the Prevention and Management of Opportunistic Infections 2024-2025

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**Deadline for submission is May 15, 2024**

### Context and aim of the project

It is time to update the ECCO Guidelines on the Prevention and Management of Opportunistic Infections.

### Aim of the project:

The last guideline on opportunistic infections in IBD patients was published 2021. The aims of the new guideline are:

- To update the current and new biological and small molecules therapies and their impact on opportunistic infections
- To summarise how to vaccinate patients with IBD
- To update how to screen patients before immunosuppressive therapy
- To summarise what to recommend to an IBD patients before, during and after travelling.

### Timeline

DATE	ACTION
<b>APRIL 2024</b>	Call to be sent out EFCCA Patient Representatives to be invited
<b>MAY 2024</b>	All applications to be received; Decisions on selected applicants to be sent out
<b>MAY – AUGUST 2024</b>	Coordinators and WG Leaders to draft PICOs; Draft of PICO questions to be finalised before kick-off meeting
<b>SEPTEMBER 25 2024 (AUTUMN MEETINGS)</b>	<b>Kick-off Meeting (Online) – including Patient Representatives</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 2024</b>	Search string to be completed by librarian
<b>DECEMBER 2024</b>	Abstract screening (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> screener)
<b>JANUARY 2024</b>	Full text screening (1 <sup>st</sup> screener)
<b>FEB. - MARCH 2025</b>	First draft of recommendations/statements and supporting texts
<b>MARCH 2025</b>	First online voting round
<b>APRIL 2025</b>	Revision of recommendations/statements and supporting texts based on results of first online voting round  National Representatives, Patient Representatives, and Additional Reviewers to be invited to participate in the second online voting round
<b>MAY 2025</b>	Second online voting round including National Representatives, Patient Representatives, and additional reviewers
<b>MAY - JULY 2025</b>	Revision of recommendations/statements and supporting texts based on results of second online voting round
<b>SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 (AUTUMN MEETINGS)</b>	<b>Consensus Meeting (face-to-face; Vienna, Austria) – including Patient Representatives</b>
<b>SEPT. – NOV. 2025</b>	Writing of manuscript by Coordinators
<b>NOVEMBER 2025</b>	Cross check by medical writer
<b>DECEMBER 2025</b>	Deadline for submission to JCC



## Working groups (WGs):

Working Group
<b>WG1</b> Viral infections
<b>WG2</b> Parasitic and fungal infections, mycobacterium tuberculosis, bacterial infections
<b>WG3</b> Special situations (traveling), Paediatrics, Elderly and Co-morbidities
<b>WG4</b> Vaccination, safety screening; OI: definition and risk factors

After the final post-consensus revision, the statements are no longer amenable to change and the text detailing the supportive evidence is finalised for publication in the Journal of Crohn's and Colitis (JCC).

To facilitate the Consensus process, the ECCO participants will be selected for the Workgroups of this Consensus Panel based on applications to this call: committed candidates with expertise are highly encouraged to apply.

**ECCO reserves 1 seat in each working group for a Y-ECCO participant** who will also be responsible for further development of e-Learning material (e-Course). You are very welcome to apply for this project.

### If you are:

- An ECCO Member (in good standing – **2024 membership**) and are interested in joining one of the working groups for this project;
- Able to **fully commit** to the process including **mandatory participation** in the two meetings in Vienna, Austria:
  - **Online Kick-off Meeting** (September 25, 2024)
  - **Face-to-face Final Consensus Meeting** (September 19, 2025)

please [click here](#) and use your **ECCO Portal Credentials** to apply online\*

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If you have trouble logging in, please contact **Fadi Ifram** at [f.ifram@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:f.ifram@ecco-ibd.eu).  
*ECCO is looking forward to your application!*

Best regards from the Project Coordinators,

Javier Gisbert and Henit Yanai

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