ECCO CALL for ECCO Participants in the
ECCO-ESPGHAN Guidelines Update on Paediatric CD Treatment
2018-2020

Context and aim of the project:

- Children and adolescents with Crohn's disease (CD) often present a more complicated disease course compared to adult patients. In addition, the potential impact of CD on growth, pubertal and emotional development in patients underlines the need for a specific management strategy of paediatric CD. In 2014 the first consensus guidelines of ECCO/ESPGHAN were published in the Journal of Crohn's and Colitis. Since then, new relevant therapeutic trials have been published that justify to update the guidelines. The aim is to form an expert panel of IBD specialists after an open call within ECCO and ESPGHAN, and to provide detailed evidence-based recommendations and practice points for the treatment of children with CD.

You may be familiar with the concept of the ECCO Consensus Guidelines. In brief, working parties prepare statements and the supporting text prior to a plenary Consensus session. At this meeting Consensus statements will be discussed, modified and accepted or rejected by the expert panel. Afterwards 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 on the basis of applications to this call. ESPGHAN will also nominate participants via a simultaneous call. Once selected, group members will be assigned to the relevant topic areas and expected to draft jointly their respective manuscript part.

ECCO traditionally reserves 1 seat in each working group for a Y-ECCO participant who will specifically be in charge of the systematic bibliographic review, the draft of the supporting text and further development of e-Learning material. You are very welcome to apply for this project.

If you:

- are an ECCO Member (in good standing – Membership 2018);
- are interested in joining one of the working parties;
- are able to personally commit to delivering the work involved in the guideline generation;
- have extensive experience in treating children with CD and relevant IBD publications;
- have proven scientific writing skills, demonstrated skills in evidence-based medicine, and preferably have previous experience of conducting systematic reviews;
- are able to attend the Final F2F Consensus meeting (tentative date -TBC: Sunday, October 20, 2019 at UEGW'19)
please send an e-mail to ecco@ecco-ibd.eu detailing (*):

- your name and affiliations;
- and a short (max. 10 lines) profile of yourself as an expert in the field.

**Deadline for submission is October 8, 2018**

*Data processing consent and retention: By sending an application by email to ecco@ecco-ibd.eu, you agree to the data processing for the above described project: ECCO Office stores applicants’ personal data of this application for the project timeframe. You have the right to object at any time at ecco@ecco-ibd.eu. ECCO Office will delete data securely after the end of this project.*

**Topics and questions will be addressed in these proposed Working Groups:**

WG1: Remission induction: exclusive enteral nutrition

WG2: Remission induction: steroids

WG3: Maintenance therapy: Thiopurines, methotrexate, use of thiopurine metabolites

WG4: Biological therapy: Anti-TNFs, anti-integrin, use of trough levels

WG5: Refractory CD: Off-label drugs

ECCO is looking forward to your application!

On behalf of the P-ECCO Committee