



ECCO CALL for ECCO Participants in the ECCO Quality Standards of Care Consensus 2018-2019

Background of the project:

Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD) are chronic, disabling and progressive diseases that need a complex approach and management. Although several attempts are being made to standardise the IBD patients' care, no clear definitions of a global "standard of care" are currently available.

We have performed a systematic review of the available literature, searching for all the relevant data concerning the main domains of standards of quality of care in IBD patients. From the literature search, 2,394 abstracts were retrieved, and 62 relevant papers were included in the final review.

We found that standards of quality of care in IBD include several aspects that could be summarised in three identified domains: **structure, process** and **outcomes**. The results of this systematic review will be the basis to develop general recommendations for standards of quality of care in IBD in the near future.

The next step of this project is to develop a list of critical characteristics that an IBD centre should have at the very least. This list may be adapted according to local or national guidelines depending on the different systems, and does not aim to be a rule for all IBD centres affiliated to ECCO.

Project outline:

1. Development of the first list of criteria (October 2018)

The project coordinators will prepare a list of criteria developed from the previous systematic review. The list will then be circulated among the panel members.

2. Ranking of criteria and reduction phase (November 2018)

The panel members will have the possibility to amend the list, and rank the criteria through an online voting system (1-9 grade of importance). The first list may be reduced according to the general ranking.

3. Finalisation of the list of core set criteria (January 2019)

Based on the first ranking, a list of critical/important criteria will be finalised for the Consensus.

4. Second voting round and consensus (at ECCO'19)

A face-to-face meeting will be held to discuss the list of criteria and confirm/modify the list through a second voting. Finally, a consensus will be reached among the panel members to develop the final criteria for the Standards of Quality of Care in IBD.

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You may be familiar with the concept of the ECCO Consensus projects. In brief, working parties prepare subtopics and the findings are submitted to online voting and a plenary Consensus meeting. At this meeting, the conclusions will be discussed, modified and accepted or rejected by the expert panel. The outcome of this project will be submitted 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.

The project aims to build on multidisciplinary input and broad representation. The following seats will be allocated to respondents to the call:

- 4 x ECCO Regular / Y-ECCO Members
- 1 x ECCO IBD Nurse Member
- 1 x ECCO Dietician Member
- 3 x ECCO Surgeon Members
- 1 x ECCO Histopathologist Member
- 1 x ECCO Paediatrician Member
- 1 x ECCO Endoscopy expert
- 1 x ECCO Cross-sectional Imaging expert
- 1 x ECCO Pharmacist

You are very welcome to apply for this project.

If you:

- are an ECCO Member (in good standing – Membership 2018)
- are able to attend the Final F2FConsensus meeting on Wednesday March 6, 2019, 12:00-17:00 at ECCO'19

please send an e-mail to ecco@ecco-ibd.eu detailing (*):

- your name and affiliation;
- a short (max. 10 lines) profile of yourself as an expert in the field (also indicating for which open seat the application should be considered)

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.*

ECCO is looking forward to your application!

On behalf of the Project Coordinators,

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