



European
Crohn's and Colitis
Organisation

ECCO CALL for participants to the ECCO Topical Review on Refractory IBD – what to do when everything fails? 2019-2020

Context:

Although the therapeutic arsenal in IBD is expanding, there is still a small proportion of patients who will be refractory to all approved drugs and that pose a challenge to the physician and surgeon alike. In these situations, a step-by-step approach to document the failure is needed, and “out of the box” therapies may be tried, along with close multi-disciplinary team working.

Aim of the project:

The purpose of this Topical Review is to summarise the current knowledge and experience in multi-refractory IBD patients and to review the evidence behind various approaches, including the use of non-licensed medical options in the clinical scenario, as well as surgical options.

The lack of solid evidence and controversial data in multiple areas of this topic will be addressed by a high proportion of ‘expert opinion’ in this Topical Review:

- (1) by clearly pointing out ‘opinion’ versus ‘evidence’
- (2) by using the rigorous standards and protocols comparable to the ones used for the ECCO Clinical Guidelines process - however summarised in the form of a Topical Review instead of a Clinical Guideline.

Analogous to the ECCO Consensus Guidelines, Workgroups prepare core messages as “Current Practice Positions” which will be discussed and, if deemed appropriate, will be voted on in a plenary meeting. After the final vote on the “Current Practice Positions”, they are no longer amenable to change and the full manuscript 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 Topical Review on the basis of applications to this call.**

Seats for Y-ECCO Members are reserved and they are encouraged to apply with an opportunity to be in charge of the systematic bibliographic review, the draft of the supporting text, and further development of e-Learning material.

If you are:

- an ECCO Member (in good standing – 2019 membership)
- and are interested in joining one of the Workgroups for this project

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- able to commit to a mandatory face-to-face meeting at ECCO'20 Congress Vienna, February 12-15, 2019 (exact day and schedule TBC)

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 submissions: June 30, 2019*

**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 the following Working Groups:

WG1: General considerations

- How should refractory disease be defined
- Risk factors and epidemiology of refractory disease
- Assessment of the reason for failure
- The importance of excluding concomitant clinical reasons behind treatment failure
- Possibility of "recycling" previously used drugs
- Consideration of clinical trials

WG2: UC specific options

- Surgical considerations
- Unlicensed medical therapies
- Combining drugs with different MOA
- Management of post-surgical state/pouchitis

WG3: CD specific options

- Surgical considerations
- Unlicensed medical therapies
- Combining drugs with different MOA
- Refractory perianal disease

ECCO is looking forward to your application!

On behalf of GuiCom

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