ECCO CALL for participants to the ECCO Topical Review on
optimising reporting for surgery, endoscopy and histopathology
2019-2020

Context:
To date, there has not yet been a formal effort to move towards a
standardized reporting process for surgery, endoscopy, and histopathology
in IBD. Despite the large number of scores available, they are not widely
used, and essential information is often not communicated in the
endoscopic, histopathology or surgical reports (e.g. the location and depth
of ulceration at endoscopy in Crohn’s disease or is length of the remaining
small bowel after surgery). Therefore, the goal of this project is to identify,
based on a literature review, essential items that should be included when
reporting surgery, endoscopy, and histology for patients with IBD, with the
goal of moving towards standardization and thus improving quality.

Aim of the project:
The purpose of this topical review is to try and identify
core elements to
ensure optimal recording and communication that are required to make a
good and clinically useful report in the fields of surgery, endoscopy, and
histopathology. The WGs of this project will set out to review the current
literature, suggest key elements for each type of report, identify gaps, and
propose strategies for implementation.

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.

Workgroups prepare core messages as “Current Practice Positions” which
will be discussed and voted on in a plenary meeting to achieve consensus.
After the final vote on the “Current Practice Positions”, the full manuscript
is finalised and published 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 and further development of e-Learning material.

If you are:
• an ECCO Member (in good standing – 2019/2020 membership)
• and are interested in joining one of the Workgroups for this project
• able to commit to a mandatory face-to-face meeting at the ECCO
Autumn Meetings in 16-18, September 2020 (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: December 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.

**Following topics & questions will be addressed in the following Working Groups:**

**WG1: Surgery**
- Reporting on Crohn’s disease surgery: Lesion localization and type; presence or absence of pus/abscesses; presence of non-critical strictures (treated and not); length of remaining SB and colon; type of anastomosis; other;
- Reporting on restorative proctocolectomy: length of constructed pouch, level of anastomosis, length of rectal stump and its treatment after subtotal colectomy; level of vessel ligation and transection during colectomy; omentectomy or not.

**WG2: Endoscopy**
- Standardization of Endoscopic scores and classification to assess inflammation in IBD. Standardization of reporting of complications such as stricture;
- Capsule endoscopy reporting;
- Pouch assessment;
- Dysplasia Surveillance and lesions characterization and follow up;
- Reporting on endoscopic management of complications in IBD.

**WG3: Histopathology**
- The macroscopic assessment, microscopic description, and interpretation of resection specimens for IBD (including cases that are difficult to classify);
- The microscopic assessment, description, and interpretation of biopsies from suspected new IBD and from longstanding IBD, including paediatric IBD;
- The content and format of the conclusions of IBD biopsy reports and IBD resection reports;
- The approach to classifying dysplasia.

**ECCO is looking forward to your application!**