
ECCO Grant Report to EFCCA – 14th N-ECCO School

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The N-ECCO Committee is now an established part of ECCO, representing the nurses of ECCO, the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation. N-ECCO was created to provide educational opportunities for Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Nurses throughout Europe and to increase the networking opportunities to meet and share best practice. Currently, ECCO has more than 550 IBD Nurse Members and sees a constantly increasing interest in N-ECCO initiatives.

The N-ECCO School aims on giving the nurses, who might still be in training and have an interest in IBD, the possibility to attend an educational course created by N-ECCO Committee Members. This one-day course consists of lectures and workshops which prepare the participants to join the N-ECCO Network Meeting and the N-ECCO Research Forum (taking place biannually) the following year. N-ECCO Network Meeting and N-ECCO Research Forum provide further advanced IBD Nurse education. International clinicians and nurses are invited to present at these courses.

Course Participants:

The participation in N-ECCO School is based on nominations submitted by the N-ECCO National Representatives (ECCO IBD Nurse Membership is a pre-requisite for a nomination). In 2022, each ECCO Member Country could nominate two nurses for participation (70 places in total). Additional 10 seats were reserved for dietitians and another 10 for global friends. The N-ECCO National Representatives were also invited to attend the N-ECCO School to support the participants from their country with translations, as for many attending nurses English is the second language.

In 2023, the N-ECCO School welcomed 62 Participants (including 3 Dietitians, 1 Psychologist and 1 Clinical Researcher) representing a total of 20 countries. Additionally, 7 N-ECCO National Representatives attended the course.

Evaluation:

The feedback provided at the end of the programme is an invaluable source of constant improvement that guarantees the success of the course. This way, N-ECCO's contribution to IBD Nurse knowledge is not only expert-driven, but it is also designed basing on the performance evaluation and personal insights shared by the participants.

This year results reflected high satisfaction with the selection of the speakers (overall speaker evaluation = 4,20). According to the participants, all presented topics were highly relevant to the nurses' clinical practice. Further indicator of the success of the programme is the overall satisfaction - not only does it show an increase in comparison to the previous year, it is also the highest since the implementation of the programme.

Table 1: Questions and Participants Ratings of the 14th N-ECCO School

* Rating: 1=unsatisfactory; 2=poor, perhaps; 3=average; 4=good, yes; 5=outstanding, excellent

Questions	Average	# of answers
How would rate your personal learning impact of educational sessions?	4.34	38
How would you rate the interactivity of this educational course	4.08	38
Was product neutrality ensured during the lectures?	4.34	38
The relevance to your clinical practice	4.47	38
Overall satisfaction with the N-ECCO School		4.67

Course Outcome and Conclusion:

Since the successful introduction of its exceptional educational activity for IBD Nurses in 2010, this year's N-ECCO School has once again come to serve as a great networking opportunity for nurses and dietitians, enabling them to share experience and exchange knowledge. At this year's workshop, topics for both IBD Nurses and Dietitians were covered.

The cooperation between ECCO and EFCCA once again facilitated the nurses' educational activities. Such initiative will continue improving the quality of patients' care and benefit their welfare.

The support of EFCCA allowed ECCO to offer a travel bursary to those participants who were unable to raise funding for travel and accommodation (as in some countries, industry sponsorship for nurses is prohibited). The EFCCA grant has been divided among those participants without industry sponsorship in the form of reimbursements for accommodation and travel expenses.



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As previously, the learning materials will be provided to participants online. All PowerPoint presentations of the N-ECCO School (subject to speaker authorisation) will be uploaded to the e-CCO Learning platform, which is accessible for all ECCO Members.

N-ECCO School Programme:

The programme of the 14th N-ECCO School featured a full overview of IBD history in order to give nurses a basic introduction to the specialty by expert speakers. Our aim is to teach basic knowledge in a clear way, with the objective of improving nurse education throughout Europe.

08:30-08:45	1: Welcome & Introduction Miriam Ganon, Jerusalem, Israel
08:45 -12:15	Session 1: Diagnosis and assessment Miriam Ganon, Jerusalem, Israel Dearbhaile O'Hanlon, London, United Kingdom
08:45-09:30	2: Diagnosis, anatomy and physiology in IBD Marc Ferrante, Leuven, Belgium
09:30-10:00	3: Nutritional assessment in IBD Emma Halmos, Melbourne, Australia
10:00-10:30	4: Psychosocial implications of living with IBD Wladyslawa Czuber-Dochan, London, United Kingdom
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-11:15	5: Surgery in IBD Michel Adamina, Winterthur, Switzerland
11:15-11:45	6: Medical treatment Charlotte Hedin, Stockholm, Sweden
11:45-12:15	7: Adherence Susanna Jäghult, Stockholm, Sweden
12:15-13:45	Lunch Break
12:30-13:30	N-ECCO School Lunch Satellite Symposium slot
13:45-15:15	Session 2: Case studies - Disease management Ana Ibarra, London, United Kingdom Simona Radice, Milan, Italy
13:45-14:30	8: UC Management Mark Samaan, London, United Kingdom
14:30-15:15	9: CD Management Ebbe Langholz, Hellerup, Denmark
15:15-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-16:30	Session 3: Multidisciplinary management in IBD Wladyslawa Czuber-Dochan, London, United Kingdom Eytan Wine, Edmonton, Canada
15:30-16:00	10: Nutritional management in IBD Dearbhaile O'Hanlon, London, United Kingdom
16:00-16:30	11: Nursing roles in IBD management Ana Ibarra, London, United Kingdom
16:30-16:45	12: Closing remarks Miriam Ganon, Jerusalem, Israel

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