

5th N-ECCO School, Copenhagen 2014

Once again we celebrate the success of another N-ECCO School!

Attended by 32 nurses from 16 countries, the School covered a range of IBD topics. The aim of the School is to enhance basic knowledge in a clear and precise manner in order to equip nurses new to IBD, or those with an interest in the subject, with the knowledge to better support IBD patients throughout Europe.



In addition, the N-ECCO School has come to serve as a great networking opportunity for this group of nurses, enabling them to share experience and plans for furthering their careers.

Opened by outgoing N-ECCO Committee Chair, Marian O'Connor, the School continued with vibrant presentations from international clinicians and nurses. The School opened with an impressive presentation by Pierre Michetti, highlighting the practical use of calprotectin in IBD care. The session "Diagnosis and assessment" featured excellent presentations by the eminent clinicians Ailsa Hart, who covered the need to use the "right drug at the right time", and Andre D'Hoore, who managed to explain the complexities of IBD surgery simply - no mean feat!

Interactive case studies were presented and facilitated by Andreas Sturm and Pia Munkholm. These sessions covered the goals of treatment, practical tips for adherence and, to quote Andreas Sturm, whether "we have something better in the drawer" for the complex patient!

The School drew to a close with an exceptional presentation from Simon Gabe, lead for the centre of excellence for the treatment of intestinal failure, St Mark's Hospital, UK, and Lydia White, IBD Nurse Practitioner, Oxford, who proposed that the IBD nurse is capable of going to "infinity and beyond".



As always, we shall use the evaluation forms articulating your thoughts and needs to plan next year's N-ECCO School. This feedback is invaluable in order to build upon the School's success and continue to ensure that it makes an outstanding contribution to IBD nurse knowledge and IBD patient care across Europe.

N-ECCO would like to thank the participants and N-ECCO National Representatives for their contributions in making the School such a success once again. We look forward to nominations for the 6th N-ECCO School to be held in Barcelona in 2015.

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