



**Call for Participants in the ESPGHAN-ECCO Guidelines:  
Update on Paediatric UC Treatment (2023-2024)**

**Deadline for submissions is **May 11, 2023****

**Context and aim of the project:**

The last guidelines on the management of paediatric UC were published in 2018 but much has changed since then, so it is time to update these guidelines and provide important resources for clinicians and researchers. As in 2018, given the breadth of this field, we will separate the efforts into 2 parts – one focused on ambulatory care and the other on acute severe colitis. As this is a joint effort of ESPGHAN and ECCO, we are looking for applications from both societies, and will give preference to a highly knowledgeable group of experts, but will also focus on those with an ability to complete high quality work in a timely manner and diversity in expertise and background, including emphasis on young members.

Given the paucity of published data in paediatrics, the guideline will follow the Oxford Levels of Evidence methodology. However, we will incorporate a PICO structured approach where possible, with systematic literature searches undertaken by a professional librarian.

**Timeline:**

DATE	ACTION
<b>APRIL 2023</b>	Open call in ESPGHAN and ECCO for participation
<b>MAY 2023</b>	Finalizing the participant list
<b>MAY 2023</b>	<b>Kick-off unfunded meeting during ESPGHAN Annual Meeting in Vienna to discuss interim progress (based on availability of some of the participants)</b>
<b>JUNE / JULY 2023</b>	Start of systematic review of the literature (outsourced to external provider)
<b>JANUARY 2024</b>	Platform voting on recommendations (both by P-ECCO and the Porto group)
<b>FEBRUARY 2024</b>	Revisions as per voting results
<b>MARCH 2024</b>	Platform second voting on recommendations (both by P-ECCO and the Porto group)
<b>APRIL 2024</b>	Revisions as per second voting results

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<b>MAY 2024</b>	<b>A whole day consensus meeting (7 hours) at ESPGHAN Annual Meeting in Prague. In this meeting the exact wording of the recommendations and the practice points will be discussed.</b>
<b>JUNE 2024</b>	Finalization of manuscript, based on comments provided during the face to face meeting
<b>SEPTEMBER 2024</b>	Manuscript submission to JPGN

There will be up to 5 Working Groups. Each group will be assigned from the following topics:

Ambulatory UC:

- Assessing and predicting disease activity
- Oral and rectal 5-ASA therapy
- Oral corticosteroids
- Probiotics, antibiotics, curcumin, indigo naturalis and other add-on interventions
- Immunomodulators
- Biologics and small molecules (may be divided between 2 WGs)
- FMT
- Elective surgeries
- Pouchitis
- Other considerations: extraintestinal manifestations, nutrition growth and bone health, psychological support

ASUC:

- Diagnostic evaluation
- Corticosteroids
- Antibiotics
- Pain management and thromboembolism prophylaxis
- Monitoring during admission
- Evaluation and management of complications
- Second line therapy
- Third line therapy
- Colectomy
- Discharge recommendations

After the final post-consensus revision, the statements are no longer amenable and the text detailing the supportive evidence is finalised for publication in the Journal of Paediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition.

To facilitate the Consensus process, the ECCO participants will be selected for the Workgroups of this Consensus Panel based on

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applications to this call: committed candidates with expertise are highly encouraged to apply.

ECCO traditionally reserves 1 seat in each working group for a Y-ECCO participant who will also be in charge of further development of e-Learning material. You are very welcome to apply for this project.

#### If you are:

- An ECCO Member (in good standing – **2023 membership**) and are interested in joining one of the working groups for this project;
- Willing to commit fully to the enhanced process including participation in meetings

Then please apply online\* under the following link. Please use your **ECCO Portal Credentials**: [Proposal \(ecco-ibd.eu\)](https://proposal.ecco-ibd.eu)

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If you have trouble logging in, please contact [B.Yotov@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:B.Yotov@ecco-ibd.eu).

*ECCO is looking forward to your application!*

Best regards from the Project Coordinators,

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**Note: ECCO'24 Stockholm Congress, February 21-24, 2024**