



ECCO Call for Participants in the update of the N-ECCO Consensus Statements on the European Nursing Roles in Caring for Patients with Crohn's Disease or Ulcerative Colitis (2025-2026)

Deadline for submission is January 6, 2025

Context

The landscape of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) management has evolved significantly since the last N-ECCO (Nurses-European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation) Consensus Statements, which were based on literature published before 2018. The past decade has seen a proliferation of high-quality research and emerging trends that necessitate an update to these guidelines. IBD nurses have traditionally played a critical role in the multidisciplinary care of patients with IBD, providing education, support, and managing symptoms. Telemedicine, e-health, and m-health platforms are a reality that must be progressively integrated in IBD nursing care. IBD nurses are increasingly involved in these digital health initiatives, which allow for more frequent monitoring, remote consultations, and personalized care plans. These technologies can improve patient outcomes, but they also require nurses to develop new competencies and adapt to changing workflows. With the growing complexity of IBD treatments, including biologics and small molecules, nurses are also more involved in medication management, monitoring side effects, and coordinating care across different specialties. This expanded role necessitates ongoing professional development and updated protocols.

Aim of the project

We are updating the original N-ECCO Consensus Statements. It is essential to reflect the advances in IBD nursing practice, especially considering the increased role of technology and the evolving needs of diverse patient populations. This update should provide a framework for IBD nurses to continue delivering high-quality, evidence-based care while adapting to the changing landscape of healthcare delivery.

The Consensus will follow the Oxford levels of Evidence methodology; however, it will incorporate a PICO-structured approach with systematic literature searches undertaken by a professional librarian.

Timeline

DATE	ACTION
DECEMBER 2024	Open call
JANUARY 6, 2025	Applications from all participants to be received. Call closes.
JANUARY 20, 2025	Selection of participants and work group leaders. Decision to be sent out.
JANUARY 20 – MARCH 3, 2025	Preparation of PICOs;
MARCH 2025	Kick-off meeting (online) - mandatory
MARCH - APRIL, 2025	Search String to be Completed by Librarian
MAY 2 – JUNE 2, 2025	Abstract screening by 1st and 2nd screeners
JUNE 2 – JUNE 23, 2025	Full-text screening
JUNE 23 – JULY 14, 2025	Collection of data and first draft of statements and supporting texts



JULY 21 – AUGUST 11, 2025	1 st Round of Online Voting (open for 3 weeks)
AUGUST 11 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2025	Review of statements based on feedback from 1 st voting round (3 weeks)
SEPTEMBER 8 -22, 2025	2 nd Round of Online Voting including National Representatives and additional reviewers (open for 2 weeks)
SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 20, 2025	Revision of statements based on feedback from 2 nd voting round
NOVEMBER 2025	Consensus Meeting (in person) - mandatory
NOVEMBER 2025	Abstract submission ECCO'26
NOVEMBER – EARLY JANUARY 2026	Manuscript finalisation
JANUARY – EARLY FEBRUARY 2026	Cross check by medical writer
	Review by project coordinators
	Send to GB for feedback
	Submission to JCC

Working groups (WGs):

WG
WG1 Fundamental IBD Nursing
WG2 Advanced IBD Nursing
WG3 Nursing care for particular situations
WG4 The benefit of an IBD Nurse

After the final post-consensus revision, the statements are no longer amenable to change and the text detailing the supportive evidence 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 Consensus Panel based on applications to this call: committed candidates with expertise are highly encouraged to apply.

If you are:

- An ECCO Member (in good standing – **2025 membership**) and are interested in joining one of the working groups for this project;
- Able to fully commit to the process including participation in the two mandatory meetings:
 - **Kick-Off Meeting (March 2025) - online**
 - **Final Consensus Meeting (November 2025) – in person**

To apply online*, please [click here](#) and use your **ECCO Portal Credentials**.

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If you have trouble logging in, please contact a.gedek@ecco-ibd-eu.
ECCO is looking forward to your application!

Best regards from the Project Coordinators,
Simona Radice, Susanna Jäghult

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