

Call for Participants: ECCO Guidelines on Extraintestinal Manifestations and Anemia (2026-2028)

Deadline for submission is **October 14, 2026**

Context and aim of the project:

Up to 50% of patients with IBD will develop an extraintestinal manifestation during the course of their disease: a stark reminder that IBD is not merely a gut disease, but one node within a much wider network of immune-mediated inflammatory diseases (IMIDs), sharing pathophysiological threads and, increasingly, therapeutic targets with conditions such as spondyloarthritis and psoriasis. The toll on our patients is real and wide-ranging, from disabling joint and skin disease through to potentially fatal venous thrombotic events. With virtually no organ system spared, and no single unifying mechanism tying it all together, delivering clear, evidence-based and clinical guidance across this entire spectrum is genuinely challenging, which is precisely why it matters so much.

This project will deliver ECCO's third consensus on extraintestinal manifestations of IBD, building on and refining the foundation laid by the previous iteration. The guideline will follow the Oxford Levels of Evidence methodology, while also incorporating a PICO-structured approach wherever possible, supported by systematic literature searches conducted by a professional librarian.

Tentative timeline:

Date	Action
October 14, 2026	Deadline to apply
November 2026	Applicants selected and notified
November – early December 2026	Preparations by Coordinators and Workgroup Leaders
December 14, 2026 13:00-17:00 CET	Virtual Kick-off Meeting
January – February 2027	Literature search by librarian
March – June 2027	Abstract screening (1st and 2nd screener); Full text screening (1st screener); First draft of recommendations/statements and supporting texts
July 2027	First online voting round
August 2027	Revision of recommendations/statements and supporting texts based on results of first online voting round
September 2027	Second online voting round
October – November 2027	Revision of recommendations/statements and supporting texts based on results of second online voting round

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November 26, 2027	Final Consensus Meeting in person in Vienna
January-February 2028	Manuscript finalisation
ECCO'28	ECCO'28
March 2028	Submission to JCC

Failure to deliver any task by the defined deadlines may lead to exclusion from the Project.

The following Workgroups have been defined for this project:

WG 1: *Cutaneous and mucosal manifestations in IBD*

WG 2: *Musculoskeletal manifestations in IBD*

WG 3: *Haematological and cardiovascular manifestations in IBD*

WG 4: *Ocular and other organ-specific manifestations in IBD*

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).

Applications by all members of the MDT are welcome.

ECCO traditionally reserves 1 seat in each Workgroup 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 – **2027 membership**) and are interested in joining one of the Workgroups for this project;
- Willing to commit fully to the enhanced process including participation in the two meetings: **virtual Kick-Off Meeting (December 14, 2026, 13:00-17:00 CET)** in and **in-person Final Consensus Meeting in Vienna (November 26, 2027)**;

Then please apply [here](#)* after logging in with your ECCO Portal Credentials.

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ECCO is looking forward to your application

Best regards from the Project Coordinators,
Bram Verstockt
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