



NEUROGASTROENTEROLOGY, MOTILITY AND FUNCTIONAL GASTROINTESTINAL DISORDERS WORKING GROUP

(Formerly named Motility working group)

CHARTER

- First charter approved when the first WG started in ESPGHAN
- Version #2 approved during the annual Genève meeting in May 2018. Main change from version #1 is the expansion of the area of interest and research, including the field of neurogastroenterology and functional gastrointestinal disorders. This change has been reflected in the name of the Group

Overview:

The main purpose of the ESPGHAN Neurogastroenterology, Motility and Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Working Group is to promote basic and clinical research, activities and networking in the field of gut-brain axis, GI motility and functional disorders amongst international experts and ESPGHAN members. The detailed aims of the group are:

1. **Research:** To perform collaborative research of all types in the field as agreed within the group, including ongoing registries, and studies on epidemiology, pathophysiology, clinical presentation, diagnostic and therapeutic management in infants, children and adolescents
2. **Guidelines and Position papers:** To develop management guidelines, consensus and position papers on behalf of ESPGHAN regarding the interaction of the gut-brain axis, GI motility and functional disorders
3. **Health care and education:** To improve the know-how and medical care for children with GI motility, functional and gut-brain axis disorders, by promoting good clinical practice via studies, educational tools, lectures and publications
4. **Advocacy:** To provide expert opinion and advocate on behalf of pediatric patients with GI motility and functional disorders when needed

This research collaboration in combination with provision of leadership in international guidelines and other activities requires intense commitment and hard work among members with possible collaborators with external experts when required, to ensure keeping the group active, dynamic and productive.

General

1. Members of the Neurogastroenterology, Motility and Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Working Group must be members of ESPGHAN.
2. Active participation in group activities is essential for collaboration and efficiency of the Group
3. All members of ESPGHAN who are interested can participate in the activities of the Group with no need of election or approval.
4. The Neurogastroenterology, Motility and Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Working Group will have a Chair and a Secretary elected from and by the WG Members (elected by ballot and majority vote). The elected chair will initially serve for 3 years with the possibility for one further term of 3 years by re-election. Therefore the maximum term for a chair will be 6 years, without eligibility for

a future term. The secretary will similarly be eligible for a maximum term of 6 years (3+3) but may be eligible to thereafter put themselves forward and serve as chair.

5. During the Annual Meeting the WG will summarize, present and discuss the projects in progress, the new proposals and publications. Participation in the WG Annual Meeting is open to all ESPGHAN Members as well interested young doctors who will need to register for the meeting using a dedicated form.
6. In between Annual Meetings a face-to-face discussion and web debate on ongoing activities will be encouraged and organized.
7. All WG activities will also be displayed on the ESPGHAN website.

Collaborative Research

1. Any member of the Neurogastroenterology, Motility and Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Working Group may propose research projects to the Group by email and/or frontal presentation during the annual meeting.
2. The proposal must include the following:
 - a. Subheadings: *background and rationale, hypotheses, aims, explicit methods (design, eligibility criteria, outcomes, power calculation, statistical approach), and clinical relevance.*
 - b. Authorship plan (in general balancing scientific merit, invested effort and number of included patients/samples from each site). In any case, each Neurogastroenterology, Motility and Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Working Group publication will include a full list of others contributing members in an addendum (to be listed as authors in pub med).
 - c. The anticipated reporting standard of the final manuscript (e.g. CONSORT, STARD etc- see last clause of this section).
3. The WG may convene an expert focus group when specific expertise is necessary to address a specific topic
4. All manuscripts arising from the group will have the name of the group in the title and, with the suffix "on behalf of", at the end of the Author's list.
5. Research projects may be published in any journal according to the discretion of the co-authors.
6. All manuscripts carrying the name of the Neurogastroenterology, Motility and Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Working Group will be reported according to accepted standards and statements to ensure that the final reports are of highest possible quality.

Position Papers and Guidelines

1. Position papers and guidelines will be established according to ESPGHAN guidance following an open call to all members of the Neurogastroenterology, Motility and Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Working Group.
2. Selection of members for the position papers and guidelines will be decided based on active participation in the project and specific expertise in the field during the Annual Meetings or by a web consensus among the WG Members
3. Position papers and guidelines will be published in JPGN unless explicitly required otherwise.