

Third N-ECCO Consensus Statements on the Nursing Roles in Caring for Patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease

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The third update of the N-ECCO Consensus Statements provides a framework for inflammatory bowel disease nurses to deliver high-quality evidence-based care, considering diverse patient populations and new technical tools.

KEY POINTS

- The first N-ECCO Consensus Statements were published in 2013 to identify the positioning of nurses in IBD care and establish ideal minimum care standards, with the first update made in 2018.
- High-quality IBD care requires a multidisciplinary team including at least one IBD nurse, a gastroenterologist, a colorectal surgeon, a radiologist, and a dietitian.
- The IBD nurse serves as coordinator between the patient and different disciplines, providing a holistic approach to care while administering and monitoring treatments, providing education, support, counselling, and advocacy.
- The previous division into fundamental and advanced IBD nursing was removed in this update due to different conditions across countries, where variations in education and role remain.
- The update aims to guide IBD centers and nurses internationally in establishing optimal quality of care through statements and evidence from an IBD nursing perspective.

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