

The European Stroke Organisation (ESO) is the voice of stroke in Europe.

One of the primary aims of ESO is to improve stroke care. We appreciate that clinical guidelines are an important tool for ensuring evidence-based stroke care.

The ESO Guideline Board produces guidelines for the stroke community according to our published Standardised Operating Procedure (SOP). Other professional and scientific societies may look to produce guidelines that have content relevant to stroke care. In these situations, ESO can partner with the scientific society that has approached ESO and provide stroke expertise and support.

As the number of requests for ESO to join guidelines from other societies continues to increase, we thought it prudent to share our approach to such requests. The process below forms an addendum to our main Guideline SOP.

The process for guidelines between societies with joint leadership and the process for other societies to contribute to an ESO guide are both documented in the [ESO Guideline SOP](#).

### **Handling procedure for solicitations from other societies to join a guideline project**

- Requests need to be sent / forwarded to [guidelines@eso-stroke.org](mailto:guidelines@eso-stroke.org)
- Requests will be discussed with the ESO Guideline Board Chairs. If the request will be considered, two candidates to represent ESO in the project will be recommended. Where ESO already has a guideline in a similar topic area we may approach the leaders of the corresponding module working group in the first instance.
- ESO Executive Committee gives final approval to recommendations and has the option to modify these recommendations with the agreement of ESO Guideline Board / Chairs.
- The ESO Guideline Manager will subsequently inform the scientific society.
- The ESO President, Executive Manager, Secretary General and the Guideline Board Chairs will be kept informed of each step of the process.
- ESO Guideline Manager keeps a tracker spreadsheet of all external invitations and ESO representatives.
- Support is provided by ESO Guideline Manager, reporting to ESO Guideline Board Chairs. The ESO Guideline Manager will liaise with our chosen representative on external guidelines and create a summary for the Guideline Board Chairs.