

Male Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms; Standardisation Report Working Group.

The ICS Standardisation Steering Committee invites applications from ICS members who wish to contribute to a Working Group with the remit to develop the **ICS Standard on Male LUTS**. The aim will be to revise the Male LUTS component of the ICS Standardisation of Terminology of Lower Urinary Tract Function [1] into an up-to-date and evidence-based ICS Standard. Female LUTS was updated in a joint standardisation with the International Urogynecology Association [2]. The selection of the working group and the process of the development will be supervised by the Standardisation Steering Committee (SSC). **Deadline for receipt of applications is Tuesday 21st May, 2013.** All applications should be submitted electronically to the Chairman of the SSC by emailing to marcus.drake@bui.ac.uk. Your attention is drawn to the guidance on producing Standardisation reports available on the [ICS website](#) and published in Neurourology & Urodynamics [3].

Applying to chair the working group

If you wish to be considered to Chair the Working Group, applications should take the form of a CV (max 4 pages), with a cover letter (max 600 words) describing how you would be suitable to Chair the Group, the areas you consider should be covered, how stakeholders will be included in developing the report, how the Working Group will interact with other organisations outside the ICS, how you will involve key stakeholders, and your relevant previous experience. Please also state whether you wish to be considered as a member of the group if not appointed to chair it.

Applying for membership of the working group

If you wish to be considered as a member of the Working Group, please send a CV (max 4 pages) and a cover letter (max 500 words) describing your potential contributions to the Group.

The working group's remit

The arguments for developing this document are:

- ✓ New publications on Male LUTS have emerged.
- ✓ The assessment and therapy of Male LUTS has evolved, and the terminology needs to reflect the changing field.
- ✓ Recent International Consultations on Incontinence and other publications have reflected need to bring terminology in line with clinician and patient experiences.
- ✓ The ICS will shortly survey all stakeholders on issues related to storage LUTS
- ✓ Discrepancies between stakeholders regarding terminology usage are a hindrance
- ✓ The US National Institute of Health has established a Lower Urinary Tract Research Network

Scope

The group will consider:

- ✓ Definitions of terms, specifically relevant for Male LUTS, covering symptoms and signs
- ✓ The group will work with the working group currently being formed to revise Good Urodynamic Practices [4] to agree terminology on urodynamic observations

Notes

- All members of the working group will be expected to participate in training in standardisation organised by the Steering Committee.
- The working group will adhere to evidence based medicine principles [3]. The group will undertake full literature review and use published evidence where available, employing transparent systematic expert consensus where necessary.
- Consideration of all stakeholders will be fundamental; clinicians, patients, industry and regulatory bodies. Patient involvement will be particularly fundamental.

- The output will be concordant with current terminology for female LUTS [2], and will be delivered in anticipation of a unifying review of LUTS for all patient groups
- The output will be compatible with current applications, for example in symptom assessment tools
- Existing guidelines will be taken into account in the compilation of this report.
- The working group will keep a digital working log of its activities through the ICS Office.
- The chairman and the ICS standardisation Steering Committee will make sure that the composition of the working group is well balanced and that the process of standardization is transparent.
- The working group will monitor the execution of assignments within the assigned timeline.
- The working group will report to the Standardisation Steering Committee on request, and routinely every 6 months.
- The working group will be responsible for production of a first draft of the report within 18 months after permission to start.
- The chairman and working group will be responsible for submission to journals for publication and dissemination.

References

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