

Revision of Standardised terminology on Nocturia and Nocturnal Enuresis; *joint working group of the International Continence Society (ICS) and International Children's Continence Society (ICCS).*

The ICS Standardisation Steering Committee, the ICCS Standardisation Committee and the ICS Children and Young Adult's Committee invite applications from ICS / ICCS members who wish to contribute to a Working Group with the remit to revise the **Standardised terminology for Nocturia and Nocturnal Enuresis**. The aim of the working group will be to revise the relevant ICS and ICCS documents [1-3] into an up-to-date and evidence-based Terminology Standard. The selection of the Working Group and the process of the development will be supervised by the two Standardisation Committees. **Deadline for receipt of applications is Monday 21st July 2014.** All applications should be submitted electronically to info@ics.org. Your attention is drawn to the guidance on producing Standardisation reports available on the [ICS website](#) and published in *Neurourology & Urodynamics* [4]. On selection of a person to chair the Working Group, a mentor from the Standardisation Committees will assist the chairman with selection of members and running of the Working Group. The final report of the Working Group will be expected within 18 months of commencement, comprising a detailed report intended for specialists, and a brief "core" version for non-specialists.

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, and how the Working Group will interact with other organisations outside the ICS and ICCS. Please also state whether you wish to be considered as a member of the Working 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 creating the Working Group and revising the documents are:

- ✓ New publications on nocturia and nocturnal enuresis have emerged
- ✓ Alignment of terminology is needed across all ages
- ✓ Discrepancy in terminology for different age groups potentially creates problems when children transition to adult care provision
- ✓ The ICS standard on Lower Urinary tract Symptoms does not make clear distinction between enuresis and incontinence
- ✓ Development of new therapies remains an issue in these problematic conditions
- ✓ New data will become available during the ICS World Continence Week derived from the Bladder Diary Day initiative

Scope: It is envisaged that this report will consider:

- ✓ Definitions of terms specifically relevant for nocturia and enuresis, for example night-time frequency, polyuria
- ✓ Contexts of lower urinary tract dysfunctions in which nocturia or enuresis may manifest, for example overactive bladder syndrome, bladder pain syndrome, chronic urinary retention and neurogenic bladder dysfunction
- ✓ Practice recommendations to standardise methods of assessment, such as bladder diaries
- ✓ Recommendations for selection and practice of auxiliary tests
- ✓ Research priorities which would yield relevant evidence for future development of standards

Requirements

- Literature analysis will be the basis of the revision process; using published evidence (where available)
- Expert consensus will be transparently included where evidence is conflicting or lacking
- Review of Bladder Diary Day results from World Continence Week
- All existing relevant 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 / ICCS Standardisation Committees 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 use web-based and e-mail exchange of information and monitor the execution of assignments within the assigned timeline.
- The Working Group will report to the ICS-SSC on request, and/ or spontaneously 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 from the ICS-SSC.

The chairman and working group will be responsible for submission to journals for publication and dissemination.

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