

# Identification of Research Priorities for Inflammatory Bowel Disease Nursing in Europe: A Nurses-European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation Delphi Survey

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## **For which topic were research priorities identified?**

inflammatory bowel disease nursing

## **In which location was the research priority setting conducted?**

Europe

## **Why was it conducted at all?**

Robust research evidence should inform clinical practice of inflammatory bowel disease [IBD] specialist nurses, but such research is currently very limited, with no current agreement on research priorities for IBD nursing.

## **What was the objective?**

to establish topics to guide future inflammatory bowel disease nursing research across Europe

## **What was the outcome?**

a list of 10 research questions

## **How long did the research prioritization take?**

June 2015 - December 2015

## **Which methods were used to identify research priorities?**

Delphi

## **How were the priorities for research identified exactly?**

Step 1: Delphi round 1: collecting research questions relating to service organization, patient care, quality of life, symptom management and the role of IBD nursing and AHP practice. Step 2: data processing: content analysis: 125 research topics suggested. Step 3: Delphi round 2: participants were asked to rate each topic. Step 4: data processing: merging similar questions, generating 44 composite research questions. Step 5: Delphi round 3: participants were asked to select from the list of 44 composite research questions the five questions they felt were most important and to rank these in their priority order

## **Which stakeholders took part?**

Nurse and allied health professional members of the Nurses European Crohn's and Colitis organization. Delphi round 1: 88 participants. Delphi round 2: 90 participants., Delphi round 3: 59 participants.

## **How were stakeholders recruited?**

Convenience sample: all nurse and AHP members of ECCO were invited to participate by the ECCO office personnel.

## **Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?**

Stakeholders were mere participants of the research prioritization process; they were not actively involved in the process.