

Call for the Expressions of Interest

EAHP's Special Interest Group for the Investigation of Medication Errors in ICUs

The European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) has set up a Special Interest Group (SIG) for the Investigation of Medication Errors in Intensive Care Units (ICUs) which is tasked with developing recommendations for lowering medication errors across Europe.

Members of the SIG

The members of the SIG for the Investigation of Medication Errors in ICUs will support the Co-Chairs in the development of a comprehensive report, policy recommendations and a publication outlining the findings of the SIG. These deliverables should be created based on information collected via desk research and data gathering at the national level involving, for example, questionnaires and interviews. To fulfil their tasks, SIG members should be able to:

- compile information on medication errors and understand their impact on patient safety in ICUs in one or multiple European countries;
- review and analyse the different strategies for decreasing medication errors in ICUs;
- identify similarities and differences between practices in ICUs across Europe;
- identify existing and new evidence by means of different research methods; and,
- collate, analyse, publish and publicise the evidence.

The inaugural meeting of the SIG will be organised virtually on the 3rd of September 2021 (from 1 PM to 3 PM CET).

Selection criteria

The SIG will involve various specialists and health care professionals working in ICUs. This call for the expression of interests is directed primarily at pharmacists working in the ICU environment and medication safety pharmacists with/without experience in the ICU environment.

Applicants should have:

- a proven scientific curriculum/background and/or relevant (work) experience linked to ICU pharmacy and/or medication safety;
- an understanding of medication safety and medication errors in ICUs;
- previous experience in drafting and submitting study protocols;
- the ability to collect and analyse data, and disseminate public health information;
- sufficient time to commit themselves to the work of the SIG which will involve regular (online) meeting attendance including preparation and follow-up activities determined during the SIG meetings;
- good spoken and written English.

Given the differences that exist across Europe, geographic diversity will be one overarching criterion applied in the selection of the SIG members. To guarantee the smooth functioning of the SIG, the group will be kept small.

Previous participation in other working groups/special interest groups or professional associations will be taken into account when reviewing the applications.

Application procedure

Expressions of interest from pharmacists meeting the eligibility criteria should be submitted by email to: Jennie.DeGreef@eahp.eu

In order to be deemed admissible, applications must provide EAHP with a:

- Motivation letter
- CV including:
 - full contact details
 - academic degree
 - practical experience/background
 - ability to speak and write in English

Closing date

This Call for Expressions of Interest closes on the **20th of July 2021 at 11.59 PM CET**. EAHP reserves the right to disregard any application sent after that date/time.

Successful candidates will be contacted in the week of the 9th of August.