

Internal Rules

Working Group «Quality» of the Swiss Society of Nephrology

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1. Description of the Working Group

The working group focusses on quality aspects in all areas of nephrologic treatment and advises SSN/SGN board and commissions in their focus on quality improving activities. The working group has the formal task to collaborate with the Swiss Academy for Quality in Medicine (SAQM) and the FMH. It is the formal institution which implements the requirements of KVG Art. 58 a for the SGN/SSN.

2. Aim of the Working Group

- a. identification of areas for quality improvement in nephrology
- b. identification of quality indicators
- c. Implement the requirements of KVG Art. 58a “praxis-ambulanter Bereich” for the SGN/SSN
- d. Establish a network with players in the field of quality on a national level
- e. Promote and support dialysis and transplant centers to implement continuous quality improvement measures in nephrology
 - i. definition of a minimum set of requirements to be met by dialysis and transplant centers;
 - ii. promote dialysis and transplant centers to develop and plan certified quality improvement programs with internal and external audits;
 - iii. promote satisfaction surveys in dialysis and transplant centers involving patients, medical and nursing staff
 - iv. promote important quality measures in Nephrology for general internists and family doctors
- f. evaluation of training and education programs as well as of CME delivered to medical and nursing staff in collaboration with the SGN/SSN Continuing Education, Training and Title Commission
- g. definition and monitoring of adverse events of nephrological treatment processes.

3. Definition of the Interaction

The working group works in an independent manner. It advises the board of SGN/SSN in all quality-issues, which are decided by the board. It reports to the board of SSN/SGN. It is supported by the back office of SGN/SSN.

4. Structure of the working group

The working group consists of 5 – 9 SGN/SSN-members representing all different language regions of Switzerland and different categories of Nephrology Centers: Universities, public hospitals, private centers. The working group also consists of 1 member representing the SRRQAP Dialysis registry, two nephrology-nurse representatives and two patient-representatives.

5. Current member list- see www.swissnephrology.ch

<p>6. Election modalities, length of mandate</p> <p>The president of the working group is elected by the SSN/SGN members with a mandate for two years. He can be reelected twice. There is no limit of mandate for the other working group members. After a presidential turn, the former president can participate in the Working group as a regular member.</p>
<p>7. Internal Vote modalities</p> <p>The working group decides in consensus. When no consensus can be reached, the positions and arguments of the majority and of the minority have to be presented.</p>
<p>8. Information and communication by the working group</p> <p>Formal communications of the working group are restricted only to the board. The group may advise commissions and working groups of SGN/SSN directly.</p>
<p>9. Annual report</p> <p>The group sends an annual report to the board.</p>
<p>10. Financial Aspects</p> <p>Every member of the commission has to declare his interests resulting from work in advisory boards of Pharmaceutical and Med-Tech Companies to the board of SSN.</p>