

INTERNAL RULES WORKING GROUP ULTRASOUND

Working Group of the Swiss Society of Nephrology
(unanimously approved at the SGN Board meeting of 06.12.2023)

Name of the working group

Working group Ultrasound and renal imaging

Preamble

Each working group prepares internal rules, which must be submitted to the SGN/SSN Board for approval. Each working group works under the responsibility of the SGN/SSN

Aim / mission of the working group

- Establish a post-graduate formation plan in accordance with the ISFM-approved postgraduate program in nephrology for:
 - * ultrasound examination of the native and transplanted kidneys
 - * renal biopsy
 - * US-guided catheter insertion
 - * Ultrasound based judgement of the volume status of dialysis patients
- Organize annual practical formation sessions in basics and advanced ultrasound
- Maintain excellent contacts with the SGUM and other related instances
- Defend tariff for ultrasounds

Definition of the interaction

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

Structure of the working group:

President & Members

Current member list - see <http://www.swissnephrology.ch/>

Election mode of the working group members

The president of the working group is elected by the SGN/SSN 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.

Internal vote modalities

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.

Information and communication by the working group

Formal communications of the working group are restricted only to the board. The group may advise commissions and working groups of SGN/SSN directly.

Mandatory yearly report to GA

The group sends an annual report to the board. To be submitted to the SGN/SSN Office in writing by each end of September

Financial aspects

Every member of the working group has to declare his interests resulting from work in advisory boards of Pharmaceutical and Med-Tech Companies to the board of SGN/SSN.

If the working group receives money from organisations, companies or other third parties, the SGN/SSN board must be informed and must agree and the money must be managed by the SGN/SSN.