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Background

- Ensuring CF providers are appropriately skilled with relevant knowledge to deliver the best care is essential
- The provision and facilitation of education to enable this is a commitment of the ECFS
- Published syllabuses exist in a variety of different specialities supported by European societies, however a comprehensive syllabus does not currently exist within the ECFS

Aim of syllabus development

- To outline the main topics/ subjects of knowledge within specialities
- To define the key principles within these topics that a specialist working in this area would need to have knowledge of

Purpose of syllabus

- To provide each speciality with a core education framework and define the remit for training and learning
- To provide the wider ECFS community with understanding of the scope of each speciality
- To provide a framework to cross check available education for the ECFS community, e.g. on the ECFS Education platform, and to help identify gaps in available education
- The broader purpose of both of these is to ensure comprehensive education supporting each speciality

Methods

- Expert group representatives from within the ECFS Education Committee (Table 1) developed a syllabus for their speciality to define core knowledge and skills. Contributors were from a range of CF backgrounds and countries (Austria, Belgium, France, Ireland, Israel, Poland, Portugal, Switzerland, UK)
- The syllabuses were developed by the expert representatives and then circulated for comment around the individual European speciality/ working groups within the ECFS. A consultation period within the groups was agreed

Table 1. Represented contributor groups

ECFS Physiotherapy Special Interest Group (PhySIG)
International Physiotherapy Group for CF (IPG-CF)
ECFS Nursing Special interest Group (NSiG)
European CF Pharmacy Special Interest Group
European Psychosocial Special Interest Group (EPSIG)
ECFS Mental Health Working Group
ECFS Exercise Working Group
European CF Nutrition Group (ECFNG)
ECFS Clinical Trial Network (CTN) group

Discussion

- The syllabuses developed describe the fundamental knowledge base required for good practice and as background for comprehensive training. Their development has multidimensional benefit on the education and continuing development of personnel and the CF community as a whole.
- These syllabuses can be used to harmonise training and education of CF professionals across different European countries. They can provide a framework for continued education and allow gaps in education resources to be identified and addressed.
- Further syllabuses (including diagnostic, fungal pathogens, neonatal and registry) are planned to expand the breadth of coverage.

Results

7 syllabuses were developed and ratified for physiotherapy, nursing, pharmacy, psychosocial, exercise, nutrition and clinical trials network

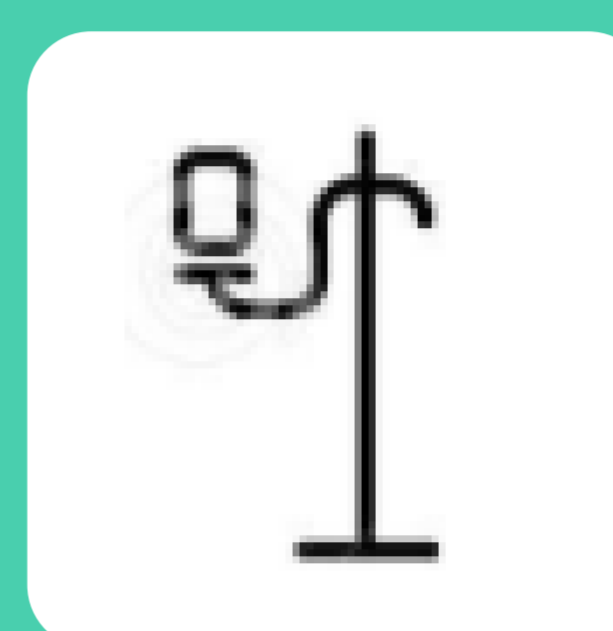


Physiotherapy

Gemma Stanford and Marlies Wagner on behalf of the ECFS Physiotherapy Special Interest Group (PhySIG) and the International Physiotherapy Group for CF (IPG-CF)



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Nursing

Nichola MacDuff, Dorien Holtslag and Esperie Burnet on behalf of the ECFS Nursing Special interest Group (NSiG)



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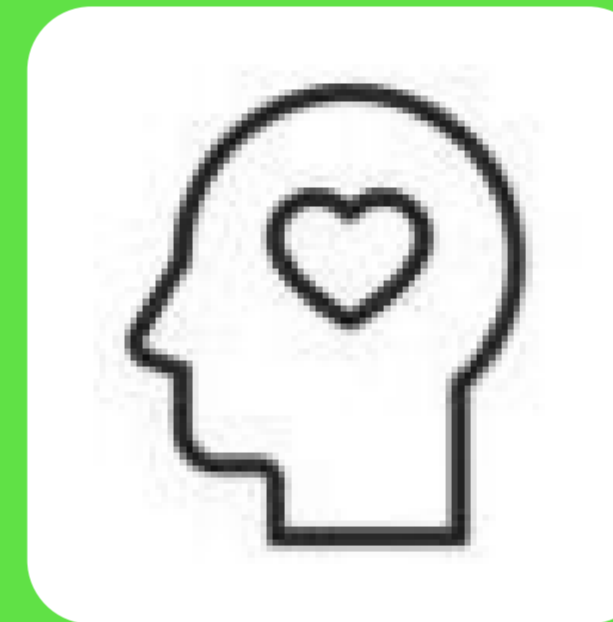


Pharmacy

Siân Bentley and Nicola Shaw on behalf of the European CF Pharmacy Special Interest Group



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Psychosocial

Pavla Hodková, Eddie Landau, Urszula Borawska-Kowalczyk, Sejal Patel, Trudy Havermans on behalf of the ECFS Mental Health Working Group and the European Psychosocial Special Interest Group (EPSIG)



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Exercise

Don Urquhart, Thomas Radtke, and Craig Williams on behalf of the ECFS Exercise Working Group



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Nutrition

Chris Smith and Dimitri Declercq on behalf of the European CF Nutrition Group (ECFNG)



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Clinical Trial Network

Fiona Dunlevy and Kate Hill on behalf of ECFS Clinical Trial Network group (CTN training committee)



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