


Year of report: 2022	
Name of Special Interest Group: European Cystic Fibrosis Pharmacy Group (ECFPG)	Date of initial approval of Special Interest Group: 2015
<p>Contact details of coordinator, vice coordinator and assistant (if applicable) including ECFS membership numbers:</p> <p>Co-coordinator name: Nicola Shaw</p> <p>Co-coordinator name: Siân Bentley</p>	
<p>Long term aims of the Special Interest Group (maximum 100 words) including estimated achievement date:</p> <p>The mission statement of the European Cystic Fibrosis Pharmacy Group is to promote good practice in the supply of, and equitable access to, medicines and information about medicines to patients; set high standards of pharmacy practice; support patients to achieve greatest benefit from their medicines; promote the role of pharmacists and affiliated professions in the pharmaceutical care of patients with CF; to deliver continuing professional education and development, and pharmacy practice research.</p>	
<p>Outcomes already achieved (maximum 100 words):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of the ECFS Standards of Care book: Optimising Pharmaceutical Care in Cystic Fibrosis in 2020, which many members of the group contributed to. With increasing complexities surrounding choice of medicine, drug interactions, dose and formulation, this was an opportunity to use the expertise of our members to improve patient care. It also served to highlight the important role that the CF clinical pharmacist has to play within the CF MDT in managing the challenges of medicines optimisation in pwCF. • Expanding membership in terms of numbers and geographical reach. • Larger and well attended annual meetings ensuring sharing of knowledge between Pharmacy teams across Europe (and beyond). 	

Report for this year (max 1000 words)

- short term aims and objectives for the year
- current number of members
- measures taken to encourage ECFS membership
- outcomes/achievements (e.g. meetings, activities, website development, awards, publications etc).

Aims and Objectives for the year 2021-2022

Aims:

- To provide an educational meeting and networking opportunities for its membership at the ECFS 44th annual conference in June 2021.
- To promote the role and expertise of the CF pharmacist in the care of the PwCF and as a valuable member of the CF MDT.

Objectives:

- To encourage its membership to participate in research activities.
- To encourage collaborative working within the group and wider CF community.
- To support members who are new to the role or those that wish to develop their skills further.

Membership

As of 31st April 2022, the European CF Pharmacy Group had 39 members. Whilst members are encouraged to join the ECFS, only 13 members included their ECFS membership number on registration forms. The remainder of applicants were emailed on receipt of their membership application form to recommend registration with ECFS but were permitted to join the mailing list for the group. We will develop a mechanism this year to cross reference those on the mailing list with those that have maintained or joined ECFS so that we can proactively encourage individuals to join the ECFS or renew their membership. Moving forward we will consider whether to remove those from our membership / mailing lists if they are not members of the ECFS. We will use the forthcoming conference meeting to again encourage membership and the benefits of being a member of the ECFS.

Achievements

Covid-19 has sadly continued to have an impact on the activities of the group during 2021 – 2022 with many of our members facing clinical and organisational challenges as a result. However, on a positive note we were able to hold our annual meeting using the ECFS Digital platform. This was held on Wednesday 9th June prior to the 44th 'Digital' European Cystic Fibrosis Conference. The meeting was attended by 105 delegates representing 21 countries, which was a phenomenal success, and no doubt due to the ease of access afforded by a 'virtual meeting.' The group will consider how we can use the same accessible format, alongside the more traditional face to face meetings, to allow more colleagues to reap the benefits of our meetings.

Siân and Nicola continue to collaborate with Daniel Peckham and Carol Castellani on the development of app which will contain information regarding medication used in the management of CF. The development of this has been held up by the continued challenges of the pandemic but we hope to move forward with this during the coming year.

Aims for the coming year 2022-2023 (max 50 words):

- To provide an educational meeting and networking opportunities for its membership at the ECFS 45th annual conference in June 2022
- To convene a pharmacy research sub-group within the ECFPG
- To develop and implement a syllabus for a pre-conference teaching course on medicines optimisation
- To host an additional 'virtual' seminar / webinar between the annual meetings to maintain interest and momentum within the group.
- To increase the proportion of ECFPG members with ECFS membership
- To complete development of medication dosing app

Summary (maximum 100 words):

With the hope that the worst of the pandemic is behind us, this coming year we hope to move forward with a number of projects as detailed above which will continue to contribute to the long terms aims of the ECFPG.

Breakdown of expenses (please include total amount received as well as expenditure and, if applicable, the outstanding balance (Euros)): Please refer to the SiG TOR for examples of budget expenses:

Nil

Budget amount requested for next year (please give the amount in Euros and the year):

Nil