World Gastroenterology Organisation Announces the Release of a New Global Guideline

Milwaukee, USA — January 29, 2015 — The World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) currently has a library of 22 Global Guidelines and Cascades, which are written from a viewpoint of global applicability. Each Guideline goes through a rigorous process of authoring, editing, and peer review, and is as evidence based as possible. WGO is the only organization whose guidelines have adopted a global focus. Many WGO Guidelines are Cascade-based, which offers different options for diagnosis and treatment of the same disease depending on available resources. A Cascade is a hierarchical set of diagnostic, therapeutic, and management techniques for dealing with risk and disease, ranked according to the resources available. Each WGO guideline is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Mandarin, and Russian, and is updated as new information and evidence is discovered. The Global Guidelines Committee meets each year to discuss updating and creating new guidelines and consists of 30-plus members from around the globe.

About This Guideline

The recently updated Dysphagia Guideline, chaired by Professor Juan-R. Malagelada, Department of Gastroenterology, Hospital Universitari Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona, Spain, will be of interest to all health professionals in primary and secondary care involved in the management of people with this common problem in different countries of the world. Approximately one in 17 people will develop some form of dysphagia in their lifetime. In the United States, dysphagia
affects as many as 15 million Americans; with an estimated 1 million people diagnosed annually according to The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This Guideline covers clinical diagnosis and treatment options for both oropharyngeal and esophageal dysphagia. “We want to transmit, to physicians worldwide, relevant knowledge that would allow them to manage swallowing problems effectively” noted Professor Malagelada.

The Dysphagia Guideline was created by a global Review Team including: Juan Malagelada (Chair, Spain), Franco Bazzoli (Italy), Guy Boeckxstaens (Belgium), Danny De Looze (Belgium), Michael Fried (Switzerland), Peter Kahrilas (USA), Greger Lindberg (Sweden), Peter Malfertheiner (Germany), Graciela Salis (Argentina), Prateek Sharma (USA), Daniel Sifrim (UK), Nimish Vakil (USA), and Anton LeMair (The Netherlands) and can be accessed at http://www.worldgastroenterology.org/dysphagia.html.

About WGO

Formed in 1935 and incorporated in 1958, The World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) is a federation of 110 member societies and 4 regional associations of gastroenterology representing more than 50,000 individual members worldwide, focusing on the improvement of standards in gastroenterology training and education on a global scale. The WGO Foundation, incorporated in 2007, is dedicated to raising funds to support WGO educational programs and activities.

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