

## **WORKING GROUP ON NEONATAL AND RESPIRATORY ECLS**

**ENDORSEMENT:** ESPNIC and EuroELSO

**AIM:**

ESPNIC and EuroELSO are creating a working group (WG) to evaluate actual and future trends about neonatal and pediatric ECMO in Europe.

This group will be focused also in the technology assessment and technology innovation in this specific field. The WG is composed by 12 members, from different European Countries. This group will be composed of different specialties including: Pediatric Intensivists, Neonatologists, Nurses, Cardiovascular Surgeons and Perfusionists, all of them with a high expertise in the ECMO/ECLS field.

The membership and candidature are totally free and without any payment by sponsor industries. However, it is mandatory to be member of both ESPNIC and ELSO. For people not belonging to the ELSO community it is possible to apply as individual membership ([www.elseo.org](http://www.elseo.org)). This will allow to use the data present in the international ELSO Registry for research projects and to be part of all ELSO and EuroELSO initiatives and benefit of reduced registration fees for EuroELSO annual congress and ECMO courses.

The WG is endorsed by both EuroELSO and ESPNIC and will be supported by some Industries with unrestricted grants only for logistics, meetings' expenses or for publishing costs.

The general purpose of the WG is to look deep inside the actual features of ECMO application in Europe to provide results to the ECMO's community, especially to the European ECMO specialists. The principal aims of the WG are to analyze and create clear recommendations, experts opinion, position papers about ECMO indications, contraindications, new approaches (para-corporeal device), already available on the market or about new materials, techniques and devices that appear on overall health technology market concerning the extracorporeal life support.

Being part of the WG will also allow to participate to the ESPNIC and EuroELSO awards, research grants, etc.

Obviously the "Innovation WG" cannot reach important results without the active involvement and participation of other colleagues from other European ECMO centres, for that reason the WG is glad and honoured to accept any suggestions for collaborations by others centres or ECMO specialists.

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