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# **Guideline Management and Oversight Committee**

Terms of Reference

### **PURPOSE**

To advise upon and to provide oversight of the SOGC Clinical Practice Guideline<sup>1</sup> development and approval process.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. To develop and maintain processes and standards for SOGC Clinical Practice Guidelines, including:
  - Processes and policies related to the development of SOGC Clinical Practice Guidelines, joint Guidelines and Endorsements.
  - Best practices and policies for review and approval of SOGC Clinical Practice Guidelines.
  - Prioritization of topic areas for Clinical Practice Guideline development and updates based on the needs of women, care providers and learners.
  - Expertise on Clinical Practice Guideline content, scope, focus and authorship
- 2. To evaluate and approve/not approve SOGC Clinical Committee or Member-directed Clinical Practice Guideline proposals.
- 3. To review the final draft of all SOGC Clinical Practice Guidelines, and provide feedback to authors for revision as required.
- 4. To approve the final version of all SOGC Clinical Practice Guidelines for publication in the JOGC, which is a delegated authority from the SOGC Board of Directors.

## **COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

CATEGORY	AFFILIATION
Core Members (8)	
Co-Chairs (Appointed by the SOGC Board of Directors)	Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
Board of Director Liaison	Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
Academic Council Representative	Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
Department Chair Representative	Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
Obstetrical Content Review Committee Representative	Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
Chief Executive Officer	
Chief Scientific Officer	
Content Experts (13)	
Clinical Gynaecology (1)	Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
Clinical Gynaecology – Minimally Invasive Surgery Specialist (1)	Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
Clinical Obstetrics (2)	Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
Clinical Obstetrics – Affiliate	Family Physician/ Registered Nurse/
	Registered Midwife
Community Practice Representative	Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
Infectious Disease Specialist	Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
Maternal Fetal Medicine Specialist	Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
Paediatric and Adolescent Gynaecology Specialist	Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Specialist	Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
Urogynaecology Specialist	Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
Gynaecological Oncology Specialist	Obstetrician/Gynaecologist
Epidemiologist	Epidemiologist

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Including Committee Opinions, Technical Updates and Consensus Statements



**TERMS** 2 or 3 years, renewable once (Co-Chairs: 5 years, non-renewable).

**REPORTING** GMOC reports to the SOGC Board of Directors through the SOGC Board of Director Liaison.

**QUORUM** Quorum is defined as 50% + 1 of committee members.

## **DECISION PROCESS**

While all reasonable efforts to reach consensus will be made, if voting is required 50% + 1 of attending committee members will constitute a majority.

**MEETINGS** 

The Committee will hold a minimum of one face-to-face meeting and have at least four additional videoconferences as determined by the Co-Chairs to accomplish the work outlined for the year. The activities of the committee will take place on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

**COORDINATOR** SOGC Staff.

### **EXPECTATIONS**

- Members must be an SOGC member in good standing.
- Members must attend 75% of the committee meetings.
- Members must be familiar with the SOGC guideline development process.
- Members must be actively practicing in Canada or within 2 two years of clinical practice.

# **NOTES**

- Terms will be staggered to balance healthy turnover with historical memory.
- If expertise is required from other professions or from other sub-specialties, appropriate
  experts will be identified by the Clinical Committees and will be invited to attend GMOC
  meetings on an ad hoc basis, as required. The GMOC Co-Chairs, with input from GMOC
  members, will determine when additional expertise is necessary.
- Members must have current academic publications to be considered (previous guideline authorship experience is an asset)