

Part 2 PoCUS Guidelines

Bob Jarman updates us on the Non-Traumatic Abdominal Pain PoCUS Part 2

We have completed the 12 research questions and search strategies, which reflect the range of point-of-care ultrasound applications for abdominal pain. These were revised to meet the latest Cochrane standards for diagnostic systemic reviews in order to ensure that the most robust process has been followed and our subsequent statements/recommendations are based on the best evidence. Our librarian team

have conducted most of the searches and the completed ones have been passed to the research teams for screening, data analysis, quality assessment and data synthesis. The invites for the expert review group are about to be sent and the proposed membership of this group covers an impressive international collection of clinicians and academics with an interest and expertise in point-of-care ultrasound. They will be tasked with ensuring that the research questions and systematic process to find the evidence is robust and fit for purpose.

They will then contribute to the consensus opinion and level of agreement for a number of statements and recommendations covering all the research question areas. We are hopeful that the consensus process will be completed early in 2024, with the completed clinical practice guidelines ready for submission for publication by Spring 2024.

To view the Part 1 PoCUS Guidelines visit <https://www.efsumb.org/guidelines>