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ERBP and VAS Clinical Practice Guideline on Vascular Access for Haemodialysis in Adults

Dear Prof. Nowicki

We are pleased to inform you that European Renal Best Practice (ERBP), the official guideline body of ERA-EDTA, and the Vascular Access Society (VAS) have recently launched the external review phase for the Clinical Practice Guideline on Vascular Access for Haemodialysis in Adults they have been developing.

It is now possible to register and start reviewing the guideline statements through the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/erbpva>. Once you register, you will be able to download the current draft of the above-mentioned guideline and score each recommendation for different domains. We realize that you are all busy with a limited amount of time. Therefore, you will be able to select which chapters you wish to review considering your interests, expertise and available time.

Given the expertise of your National Society in the matter, we would be very grateful for your input. Also, we were hoping you would be willing to spread this link among your society's board and its members. Any form of collaboration is very valued and as a sign of appreciation, anyone participating in the external review process can be listed as an "external reviewer" in the final document should they wish.

Furthermore, we wish to confirm that the guideline was developed following a rigorous methodological approach:

- identification and selection of a representative workgroup, consisting of experts in transplantation (nephrologists, surgeons, immunologists) and methodologists;
- identification and prioritisation of clinical questions;
- systematic literature review and critical appraisal of the available evidence;
- formulation of recommendations and grading according to GRADE;
- comparison with existing guidelines, when available;
- suggestions for future research.



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To avoid having a wordy and lengthy textbook, we followed a strict format to keep the text as concise as possible:

- background i.e. what was the clinical problem that we wanted to analyse;
- summary of the evidence: a short objective and critical report of data available in the literature;
- translation of the evidence into recommendations: a short written report of the discussions and argumentations in the workgroup during the formulation of the recommendation;
- other guidelines on this topic;
- suggestions for future research.

We hope you appreciate the importance of this external review step in the process of production of the guideline and thank you in advance for your attention and willingness to follow up on our proposal.

Kind regards

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