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The European Committee for Hyperbaric Medicine (ECHM) has in its objectives the continuous improvement in the quality of care and the safety in hyperbaric medicine. One of the tools used to reach this target is the organization of consensus conferences to issue widely accepted guidelines. Up to now, nine such conferences have been organized and their recommendations widely diffused.

Two of these consensus conferences were especially focused on the organization, indications and quality of care in Hyperbaric Medicine and have been organized in 1994 and 2004. Ten years after the last one, it is now time to review and update these guidelines according to the advance in medical knowledge and the experience gained in clinical practice during that period.

In 1994, the guidelines were elaborated by a jury from expert reports and discussion with the conference audience. In 2004, report of the guidelines was improved in grading the recommendations both by the level of evidence supporting the recommendation and the importance for practice of that recommendation. Then this new guidelines, ECHM wishes to go a step further in reporting not only recommendations with their confidence level but also the evidence supporting the recommendation and how confident jury members are in that recommendation (GRADE method).

To do so, ECHM selects well recognized experts in each field to elaborate a report on a topic with an exhaustive literature survey, a synthesis of the evidence and a proposal for recommendations on that topic. All the reports will circulate between the expert group and each expert will be asked to weight his agreement or disagreement with the proposed recommendations. During the conference, reports and expert opinions will be presented to the audience which will have an opportunity to discuss and amend the reports before final consensual recommendations with weighted evidence are issued.

***Don't miss the opportunity to
have an input
in the ECHM guidelines
Attend the Lille Consensus Conference
the 15th-16th of April 2016***