

Proposal to develop a Systemic Autoimmune Diseases Working Group

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Objectives:

- ✓ To promote the study of systemic autoimmune diseases (SAD) in Europe
- ✓ To share common European strategies to improve knowledge and management of patients with SAD.
- ✓ To promote existing good practices in diagnosis and the delivery of high-quality care to SAD
- ✓ To stimulate and encourage collaborative patient-centered research in SAD
- ✓ To enhance translation of research into practice
- ✓ To improve knowledge for physicians, healthcare providers, patients and families.

Specific primary aims of the SAD Working Group of EFIM are:

- ✓ To gain and share scientific knowledge about SAD;
- ✓ To increase the awareness on SAD among Internists across Europe;
- ✓ To create specific curricular tracks on SAD for medical students and Internal Medicine residents;
- ✓ To implement the development of European research projects on SAD;
- ✓ To contribute to innovation and research in the field of SAD by encouraging research across the SAD WG - EFIM
- ✓ To gather data on SAD in European Internal Medicine departments;
- ✓ To possibly coordinate future European multicentric clinical trials on SAD.
- ✓ To provide high level of expertise in the field of SAD and identify standard best practice and therapeutic options to level up the management of SAD

General and future aims of the Working Group will be:

- ✓ To implement the comprehensive approach in SAD, which is peculiar to Internal Medicine;

- ✓ To support the development of appropriate EU public health policies for SAD;
- ✓ To increase international cooperation in scientific research among EFIM members;
- ✓ To organize training and educational activities for younger generation of SAD healthcare professionals and patients on SAD, by facilitating the mobility of expertise
- ✓ To coordinate studies aimed at developing new approach to SAD;
- ✓ To support campaign aimed at raising public awareness of SAD in the EFIM Countries;
- ✓ To provide comprehensive quality information to SAD community;
- ✓ To strengthen relationship with patients' organizations with SAD.
- ✓ To involve SAD patients and patients' representatives in the SAG WG - EFIM