

British Society of Paediatric Endocrinology & Diabetes

Process for endorsement and development of clinical guidelines and standards

The BSPED Clinical Committee is committed to supporting its members in creating robust, evidence-based guidelines. Additionally, the Committee will advocate with larger organizations for the development of national guidelines where appropriate. Its role is not currently to independently develop national clinical guidelines and it is not resourced to do this. BSPED will continue to serve as a key stakeholder in any guideline development relevant to paediatric diabetes and endocrinology and will take responsibility for endorsing guidelines produced by other organizations. Clinical care standards outline the level of care that patients can expect from clinicians and healthcare services for a specific condition, treatment, procedure, or clinical pathway, regardless of where they receive care. There is some acknowledged overlap between clinical guidelines and clinical care standards. BSPED cannot endorse any standard or guideline that has already been published or formally accepted for publication.

The Clinical Committee requires evidence that guidelines or standards are developed in alignment with best practices. This could include the involvement of key specialty and sub-specialty stakeholders, such as relevant BSPED Special Interest Groups (SIGs), patient support organizations, and academic groups, and should be supported by available evidence, referenced in the standards or guidelines. Where evidence is insufficient to support a specific guideline or standard, established methodologies for reaching expert consensus, such as the Delphi method, are expected to be applied.

Step 1:

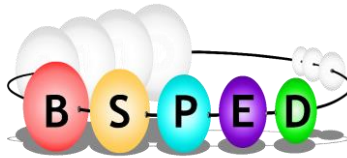
Informing the Clinical Committee of standard or guideline development

The BSPED Clinical Committee should be involved at the earliest stages of standards or clinical guideline development. To initiate this, please inform BSPED by email at bsped@endocrinology.org. BSPED will then notify the chair of the Clinical Committee, who will assign a designated committee member to serve as the primary contact for the project. This contact may be the Guideline Officer, Standards Officer, or Diabetes Officer, depending on the focus of the guideline or standard. A brief summary of the scope of the standard or guideline, the process and individuals involved should be included

Step 2:

Time required for developing the standard or guideline

At the initial stage of developing standards or clinical guidelines, BSPED and the Clinical Committee should be informed of the expected timeline for submission of the first draft to the BSPED Clinical Committee for review.



Step 3:

Review by the clinical committee

The final version of the standard or guideline will undergo review by the BSPED Clinical Committee. Please submit the completed document via email to BSPED at least one month before the scheduled Clinical Committee meetings (held at least three times per year, with dates published in the newsletter). Following the Committee's review, feedback will be provided to the group developing the standards or guidelines. If appropriate, the Clinical Committee may also circulate the document to all BSPED members for further feedback.

Step 5:

Final Version for endorsement and publication

The approved final version will be published on the BSPED website, along with a scheduled review date, typically set for five years later. Authors must complete and return a Declaration of Interest form to the BSPED office, and a designated contact person for each standard or guideline should be identified.

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