

International Taskforce on Diagnosis and Management of Lumbar Spinal Stenosis

Background

At ISSLS Athens 2017 the Focus Group “International Taskforce on Diagnosis and Management of Lumbar Spinal Stenosis” met for a fourth time (after ISSLS Seoul 2014, ISSLS San Francisco 2015, and ISSLS Singapore 2016) and discussed the results of our second International Delphi Study on diagnostic tests for a first diagnosis of LSS. We reduced a list of 36 items to 15 items by combining specific items with main items, by merging tests, and by deleting items when not seen as relevant for a first diagnosis of LSS (Phase 1: Round 1: Delphi Items).

Prior to the Focus Group meeting in Banff we will distribute an online survey including the items from our Focus Group meeting in Athens to all Taskforce and ISSLS members to complete (Phase 2: Round 1).

Focus in Banff

At the next meeting we plan to:

- 1) Discuss if to separate items that rule in LSS from items that rule out LSS.
- 2) Reach a Taskforce item consensus (Phase 2, Round 2).
- 3) Discuss appropriateness of a stepped care approach vs stratified care approach for LSS (input: Christine Comer)
- 4) Discuss next projects with a Delphi Study on surgical indications for LSS as a priority for a next study.

We look forward to meeting with you in Banff!

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