What is ESGCD?
ESGCD Study Group for Clostridium difficile (ESGCD) is a group of clinicians and scientists from many European countries and further afield, who share an enthusiasm for Clostridium difficile. We currently have more than 100 members.

What does ESGCD do?
At each ECCMID, a meeting is held where activities are planned. Funded research projects include surveillance of Clostridium difficile at European level. We develop European guidelines on prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Clostridium difficile infection and organise symposia at various locations across Europe.

ESGCD Activities at ECCMID 2018, Madrid

  - CDI cases - to isolate or not to isolate? Sarah Tschudin Sutter, Basel, Switzerland
  - What is the role of the asymptomatic carrier in environmental contamination with C. difficile spores and nosocomial transmission, and can we do anything to prevent it? Camilla Wiaff, Glasgow, UK
  - Enhanced deep cleaning/disinfection in hyperendemic areas – the way to go to prevent transmission? Markus Hall, Salzburg, Austria

ESGCD 2018 Madrid 1-hour symposium: Whole-genome sequencing and anaoebores. Organisers: ESGMD, ES6AI, ESGCD, 23.4.18, 14:30-15:30, Hall G

- WGS of anaerobic bacteria: a whole new world? John W. A. Rossen, Groningen, Netherlands
- Approaches to and applications of WGS analysis of C. difficile. Alexander Mellmann, Münster, Germany

Come and join us!
Come to our Business Meeting at ECCMID
Sunday 22nd April 2018 18.15 – 19.15 (Room A10-13)
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Become a Member of the Study Group by going onto the ESCMID website and clicking on the Cladostrium difficile Study Group - follow the easy and quick instructions.

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Recent ESGCD Publications


Planned Activities 2018 / 2019
- Medical Guideline project ESGCD: Update of the ESGCD treatment guidance document headed by Prof. E. Kuipers
- 6th International C. difficile Symposium in Bled, Slovenia from 12th to 14th September 2018, supported by ESGCD
- ESGCD is a co-organiser of the 7TH Next Generation Sequencing Workshop on Neisseria gonorhoeae and Cladostrium difficile in Vienna, Austria 21 – 23 March 2018
- ESGCD is a co-organizer of the 19th Clostpath Meeting in Leiden, Netherlands 19th to 22nd August 2019
- ESCMID Study Groups’ competencies in antimicrobial prescribing and stewardship

ESGCD Cladostrium difficile themed issue in Clinical Microbiology and Infection (scheduled for April 2018)

C. difficile infection: Can we do better?
Microbiological factors affecting Cladostrium difficile recurrence
How to: Surveillance of Cladostrium difficile infections
New insights into transmission of C. difficile infection - a narrative review
Update of treatment algorithms for Cladostrium difficile infection
How to: Diagnose infection caused by Cladostrium difficile