

INTERNATIONAL UROGYNECOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (IUGA)/ AMERICAN UROGYNECOLOGIC SOCIETY (AUGS)/ JOINT REPORT ON THE TERMINOLOGY FOR FEMALE BLADDER PAIN SYNDROME - CALL FOR WRITING GROUP MEMBERS

We are seeking 5-6 volunteers (including a Chair) to serve on a Writing Group to help establish standardized terminology for Female Bladder Pain Syndrome and to define related terminology. This will be a joint publication with AUGS.

The paper will define Bladder Pain Syndrome in the female, Interstitial Cystitis (Hunner lesion), and Hypersensitive Bladder Symptoms and will describe related symptoms and signs. It will also differentiate BPS from other diagnoses, describe factors which contribute to chronic pain, clinical diagnosis tools, treatment options.

Support from IUGA staff will be provided. The Writing Group may also develop companion pieces specifically written for patients to assist them with understanding the treatment they will be receiving. Individual contributors/writers/authors will be acknowledged in a dedicated Acknowledgement/ Contributors Section.

Background

Bladder Pain Syndrome (BPS) is a form of chronic pelvic pain. It is defined by persistent or recurrent chronic pelvic pain, pressure or discomfort perceived to be related to the urinary bladder accompanied by at least one other urinary symptom such as an urgent need to void or urinary frequency. It is diagnosed in the absence of any identifiable pathology which could explain these symptoms. Interstitial cystitis with Hunner lesion has the same symptoms as BPS but it is identified based on cystoscopic findings. Chronic pelvic pain is a complex condition that can have multiple causes. Sometimes a single disorder may be identified as the cause. In other cases, however, pain may be the result of several medical conditions. The most important priority must be to achieve international agreement on terminology, definitions and diagnostic criteria on BPS and differential diagnoses.

Applicants should fulfill the following criteria

- Have clinical expertise in treating female patients with bladder pain syndrome.
- Must be current members of IUGA
- Must work in the field of urogynecology
- Prior experience reviewing scientific literature and writing technical reports, reviews, or other scientific papers
- Commitment to teamwork, responsiveness, and dedication to complete assignments

Applications

The deadline for applications is Friday, June 5, 2020 at 11:59pm Central Daylight Time (CDT). To apply, please follow these two steps:

- 1) Submit a letter of interest stating your qualifications for the position and a brief CV to office@iuga.org,
- 2) Complete the online COI form available by clicking [here](#).