

**WHO Donor Human Milk Banking Guidelines Development:  
Convening of the Guidelines Development Group**

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Virtual meeting (14:00 to 17:00 CET each day)  
12-14 December 2022

**SCOPE AND PURPOSE**

***Goal:***

To define the scope of the WHO Guidelines on Donor Human Milk Banking and develop PICO questions to be included in the guidelines.

***Date/time:***

The initial GDG meeting will be held via Zoom or Teams on 12-14 December, from 2:00-5:00pm, CET.

***Concept:***

The WHO has prioritized the development of Donor Human Milk Banking Guidelines in 2022-23. A Guideline Development Group (GDG) has been assembled in line with WHO guidelines development policies. The GDG will review available evidence and advise the WHO on development of guidelines for establishing and implementing safe and quality human milk banking systems. These guidelines will include minimum standards for safety and quality of donor human milk and/or considerations across the human milk donor, recipient, and product pathways, aligned with guidance for protecting, promoting, and supporting breastfeeding. The first meeting of this GDG will engage in a consensus-building process to establish PICO questions that can be addressed by systematic reviews and inform subsequent phases in the guidelines development process.

***WHO Steering Committee members:***

- **Larry Grummer-Strawn:** Unit Head and Technical Officer, Food and Nutrition Actions in Health Systems Unit, WHO
- **Nina Chad:** Infant and Young Child Feeding Consultant, Food and Nutrition Actions in Health Systems Unit, WHO
- **Rimu Byadya:** Technical Officer, Food and Nutrition Actions in Health Systems Unit, WHO
- **Karen Edmond:** Medical Officer, Department of Maternal Newborn Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, WHO
- **Efstratios Chatzixiros:** Adviser, Transplantation and Products of Human Origin, Department of Health Products Policy and Standards, WHO
- **Joseph Martin:** Medical Officer, WHO Nigeria

**Proposed GDG members:**

<b>Human Milk Specialty</b>	<b>GDG members</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Region</b>
<b>Nutrition/composition</b>	Debbie O' Connor	University of Toronto: Department of Nutritional Sciences	Professor	Canada	AMR-N
<b>Immunology/bioactive components/ Infectious disease</b>	Maryanne Perrin	The University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Assistant Professor, Department of Nutrition; BOD Member, Human Milk Banking Association of North America (HMBANA)	US	AMR-N
<b>Microbiologist (donor milk screening)</b>	Jim Gray	Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital	Consultant Microbiologist	UK	EUR
	Mohammed Isam Yamani	University of Jordan	Professor of Food Microbiology and Hygiene and Quality Management Systems	Jordan	EMR
<b>Neonatology</b>	Sushma Nangia	Department of Neonatology, Lady Harding Medical College and Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital, New Delhi, India.	Director Professor & Head	India	SEA
	Jean Charles Picaud	Department of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Croix Rousse University Hospital in Lyon, France	Professor of Pediatrics	France	EUR
	Hoang Thi Tran	Da Nang Hospital for Women and Children	Doctor of Philosophy	Vietnam	WPR
	Mary Waiyego	Kenyatta National Hospital	Neonatologist	Kenya	AFR
<b>Lactation</b>	Penny Reimers	<a href="#">University of KwaZulu-Natal</a>	Lactation consultant	South Africa/UK	AFR
	Wiyarni Pambudi	Indonesia Breastfeeding Center	Pediatrician and certified breastfeeding consultant	Indonesia	SEA
<b>Blood Banking / Tissue</b>	Erica Wood	Transfusion Research Unit Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University; Department of Clinical Haematology, Monash Health	Haematology, Transfusion Medicine, ISBT, TGA, ANZSBT, IHN, EAP, WHO consultant, Education, Research	Australia	WPR
<b>Patient-donor organization/Civil Society/ Bioethics</b>	Ruby Kimondo	Preemie Love	Founder	Kenya	AFR
<b>Human Milk Banking expertise</b>	Gillian Weaver	Hearts Milk Bank; Global Alliance of Milk Banks	Co-founder	UK	EUR
	Anne Marie H. Grovlien	Oslo University Hospital	Milk Bank Manager	Norway	EUR
	Mohammadbagher Hosseini	Tabriz University of Medical sciences	Professor of Neonatology	Iran	EMR
	Danielle Aparecida da Silva	Global Human Milk Bank Network	Coordinator of the Global Human Milk Bank Network; Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre to Strengthen Human Milk Banks	Brazil	AMR-S

*Proposed Observers:*

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>
MAMI/ENN	Marie McGrath
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