

# GUIDANCE FOR CKD MANAGEMENT IN FRAIL AND OLD PATIENTS: IDENTIFYING HIGH PRIORITY TOPICS



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## Introduction

The number of frail and old kidney patients is growing. Therefore, ERBP is developing guidance for managing CKD in frail and elderly in collaboration with the EU Geriatric Medicine Society.

## Aim

To identify what topics nephrologists and geriatricians in Europe consider high priority in order to ensure the relevance of ERBP guidance for clinical practice.

## Methods

The figure below displays the scoping procedure. Priority was rated on a 9-point scale ranging from 1 (not at all important) to 9 (critically important)

## Results (1)

Mean priority ratings ranged between 3.17 (treatment of infectious diseases) and 8.42 (screening and referral).

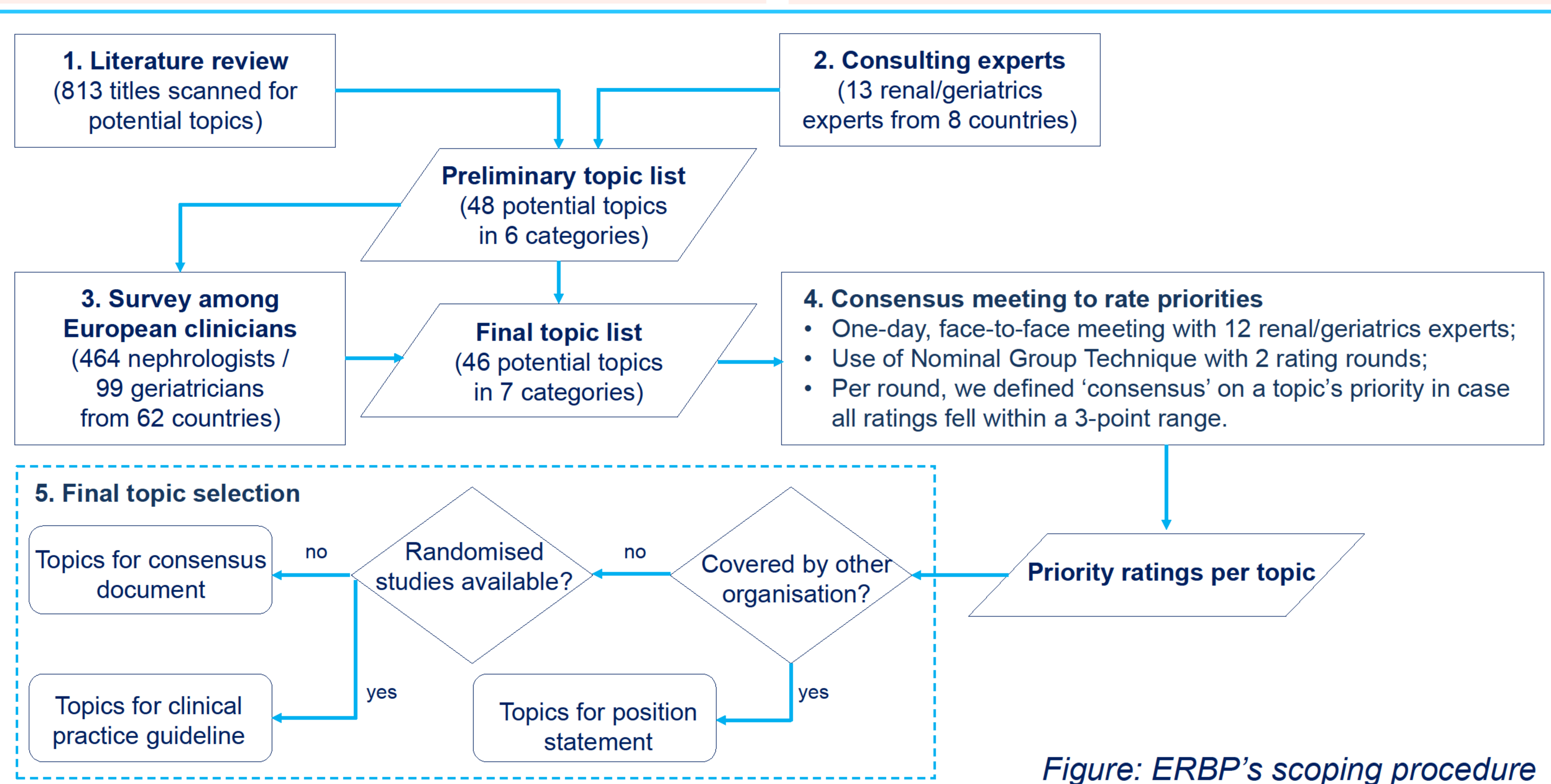


Figure: ERBP's scoping procedure

## Results (2)

During the first round of the consensus meeting experts reached consensus on the importance of 3 topics. This number increased to 11 in the second round, and included the 5 topics with the highest priority (see table).

Table: Top 5 topics with high priority

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Mean rating (SD)</u>
1. Screening and referral	8.42 (.67)
2. Starting vs. withholding dialysis	8.17 (.72)
3. Assessment of renal function	8.08 (.79)
4. Hypertension management	8.00 (.60)
5. Organisational aspects of care	8.00 (.85)

## Conclusion

With our scoping procedure we identified high priority topics regarding CKD management in frail and older patients, based on clinicians' input from all over Europe, and expert consensus. ERBP is now developing appropriate guidance for all top priority topics.



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