1) The ad hoc committee shall comprise of up to five members whose areas of special knowledge and expertise is required to advise EFSUMB in the field relating to the bio-effects of ultrasound.

2) All members must be members of National Societies affiliated to EFSUMB.

3) The Executive Bureau shall invite National Societies to recommend experts in a special field for the purposes of advising EFSUMB on safety either in general or relating to EFSUMB Guidelines in progress. In the absence of suitable nominations the Executive Bureau will invite experts based on their publication status, scientific reputation and balance between the national societies of EFSUMB. The ad hoc Committee will have the right to co-opt one additional expert to advise on a specialist area if necessary, subject to the approval of the ExB. The Editor of the Guidelines shall be invited to join any Safety Meeting where this topic is under review. The Guidelines Editor shall invite a representative from the ad hoc Committee to the Guidelines Consensus Meeting.

4) The ad hoc committee shall elect a chairman and secretary from amongst its own members. The chairman and secretary will meet as required within the timeframe of the Guidelines project and provide a written report on its findings which must be submitted to the Executive Bureau and relevant Guidelines Editor within a reasonable time.

5) Once a written report has been submitted, revised and finalised for the purpose originally intended and accepted for publication by the Guidelines Editor or Executive Bureau the ad hoc Committee shall be invited to stand down or may be asked to review existing EFSUMB Safety Statements.

6) Members of the ad hoc committee may serve on differently constituted committees if their expertise warrants their inclusion.

7) The ad hoc committee should make themselves aware of the work of the safety committees of the World Federation of Ultrasound in Medicine (WFUMB), The American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM), International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (ISUOG) and any other relevant committee of other major national or international bodies.

8) The Board of Delegates of EFSUMB will determine the budget of the committee annually.

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