

## ISUOG Safety Committee Terms of reference

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**Secretariat Liaison:** Digital Communications Coordinator, ISUOG

### **Purpose**

As a growing organization dedicated to improving women's health through the provision and dissemination of high quality education and research, ISUOG is engaged in the investigation of issues relating to the bioeffects and safety of ultrasound, safety of healthcare professionals performing O&G ultrasound as well as the provision of education and information within this field and quality control. In addition, the Safety Committee supports the Secretariat in providing subject matter expertise and is available at very short notice for media enquiries or opinions.

### **Safety Committee critical success factors**

- Timely response to urgent media queries
- Raising the profile of the ISUOG Safety Committee on digital platforms and potentially the lay media
- Close liaison with and involvement of the Committee with the statements of other national and international committees

### **Safety Committee strategic goals**

- To ensure the highest quality and clinical relevance in all outputs.
- Engagement of professionals, the public, and other stakeholders and partners to increase influence and impact on patient care.

### **Safety Committee key responsibilities**

1. To discuss ultrasound safety issues for women and ultrasound practitioners performing ultrasound in O&G and ensure that there are no deleterious effects in humans in epidemiological studies, both at the scientific and manufacturing levels.
2. To provide a rapid response on behalf of ISUOG Trustees to issues regarding safety and bioeffects of ultrasound in obstetrics and gynecology.
3. To scan literature for matters pertaining to bioeffects and safety of ultrasound and offer an opinion to the Trustees regarding clinical relevance.
4. To prepare and publish safety statements to be endorsed by the Trustees, as needed or at the request of the Board of Trustees.
5. To raise awareness on the safety aspects of ultrasound in obstetrics and gynecology at international meetings, particularly at demonstrative scanning sessions
6. To present opinions and recommendations to the Trustees pertaining to bioeffects and safety of ultrasound.
7. To be involved in the education of ISUOG members on bioeffects and safety by providing relevant information to them.

### **Process / Framework for delivery**

1. The President, Chief Executive and the Committee Liaison will have immediate access to the Chair in case of urgent and safety critical matters.
2. From time to time, Safety Statements will be submitted to the Trustees for publication in *Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology*.
3. The Secretariat provides the Committee with appropriate communication tools to communicate, e.g. Basecamp.