

## WEBSITE

The Scottish Surgical Research Group (SSRG) in collaboration with ASGBI and WSES are looking to utilise a Delphi process to democratically identify the highest priority areas in emergency surgery research. A trainee collaborative, the SSRG has broad experience in Delphi methodology and national collaborative research, having previously published in Gut, HPB and Hernia<sup>1-3</sup>.

Research prioritisation can help identify clinically relevant questions and encourage high-quality, patient-centred research. Delphi methodology aims to develop consensus opinion within a group of experts, with recent Delphi projects helping to define the research agenda and funding within several medical and surgical specialties. We aim to prioritise clinical research questions in hernia surgery through a systematic consensus process.

Conducted over three rounds, research questions will be collected during the first round, before subsequent prioritisation by the membership and to provide a final list of highly ranked research questions. We invite and welcome the contributions of patient stakeholders in this process. Round 1 is currently open to the submission of research questions via the following link: [bit.ly/EGSDelphi](https://bit.ly/EGSDelphi)

Alternatively, the following QR code may also be used:



It is vital we gain as many responses as possible to ensure the validity of the process and that all important research questions are included. The Delphi process will launch shortly. Please follow us on Twitter [@EmSurg\\_Delphi](https://twitter.com/EmSurg_Delphi) [@ScotSRG](https://twitter.com/ScotSRG) and [@WSESurgery](https://twitter.com/WSESurgery) for further details.

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