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The selection of the panel of experts is based on a call for volunteers, meeting pre-established criteria, indicating their expertise in the domain of POCUS. The goal is to assemble a diverse and knowledgeable group to contribute to the development of the consensus statement in an unbiased manner. Multiple rounds of feedback and new questions are being circulated among the panel members in the hope of reaching a consensus within each domain.

As of now, the work is still in progress, but the steering group is optimistic regarding the consensus statement progress and aims to present some preliminary findings during the upcoming 2024 Veccus Symposium. We look forward to updating you on the progress of the POCUS Consensus Statement and sharing valuable insights during the symposium. Thank you for your continued interest and support in advancing point-of-care ultrasound practices.

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After this lecture, the attendee is supposed to

- Understand the methodology applied to obtain consensus using the Delphi method
- Recognize the 5 different domains the POCUYS panel of experts will try to reach consensus on.
- Appreciate the difference between Evidence Based Medicine and Expert Consensus
- Be able to identify specific knowledge gaps in the field of POCUS