

**The Consortium for the Standardization of Influenza
Seroepidemiology (CONSISE)**



Membership Policy

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Mission Statement

CONSIZE is a global partnership aiming to standardize the seroepidemiology of influenza and other respiratory pathogens and to develop comprehensive investigation protocols for use in optimising the control of influenza and other respiratory pathogens.

Open Access

CONSIZE will share study protocols and laboratory assay protocols and other information on the web with free access to all. This will help to facilitate the standardization of seroepidemiology studies on influenza and other respiratory viruses. The material will be accessible via <http://consise.tghn.org>.

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Membership will not be required to access these documents. However registration on the CONSIZE website will be required to allow for an audit trail of CONSIZE document use. As described above, CONSIZE must be acknowledged should data originating from CONSIZE protocols be used in any presentation(s) or publication(s).

Terms of Membership

- Membership is open to individuals whose activities may contribute to those of CONSIZE.
- It is expected that members of CONSIZE share the same CONSIZE vision (see mission statement) particularly with respect to data sharing and open access.
- Membership of CONSIZE is on the understanding that it is a not-for-profit organization.
- Prospective members will register their interest to the CONSIZE secretariat by a registration form.
- Membership will be approved by the CONSIZE Steering Committee.
- Members will be asked to register their interest in one (or both) of the two Working Groups; Epidemiology and Laboratory.
- Membership will continue unless any issue has been brought to the attention of the CONSIZE Steering Committee and any member may be removed by agreement within the Steering Committee.
- Any member may resign by informing the secretariat at any time.
- Non members may participate in the activities of the Working Groups and CONSIZE meetings at the discretion of the Chairs of the Epidemiology and Laboratory Working Groups.
- Membership is free of charge