

Date and Time: *Wednesday 19th December 2011 (10:00–16:30)*

Minutes: Confirmed

Varicose Veins Guideline Development Group Meeting 3

Place: *Boardroom, National Clinical Guideline Centre, 180 Great Portland Street, London W1W 5QZ*

Present: Prof. Alun Davies (Chair) (All present for notes 1–11)
 Mr Nick Hickey
 Mr Keith Poskitt
 Dr Mark Vaughan
 David Evans
 Hazel Trender
 Dr Mustapha Azzam
 Joyce Calam
 Dr Jocelyn Brookes
 Prof. Andrew Bradbury

In attendance:

NCGC Staff: Dr Kate Kelley Katie Jones	Associate Director Project Manager	(Present for notes 1–11)
Dr Mark Perry Ebenezer Tetteh Dr Katharina Dworzynski Richard Whittome	Research Fellow Senior Health economist Senior Research Fellow Information Scientist	(Present for notes 1-3)

Apologies:

Caroline Keir	Guideline Commissioning Manager	
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1. The Chair welcomed the group to the second Varicose Veins Guideline Development Group Meeting (GDG3). Apologies were received from Caroline Keir. The Chair requested updates to the existing declarations of interests from GDG members. He submitted his declaration of interest form and all others declared that they had no change of circumstances since their previous declaration.
2. The Chair asked the GDG for any comments on the minutes of the GDG2 meeting. The GDG had no comments to add and agreed it was as an accurate representation of the GDG 2 meeting.
3. Review protocols for the following two questions (from the list of draft clinical questions on the work plan) were revised by the GDG:
 - Q7: What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of compression therapy compared with sclerotherapy in people with leg varicose veins?
 - Q9: What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of compression therapy compared with endothermal ablation in people with leg varicose veins?

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- Q8: What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of compression therapy compared with surgery in people with leg varicose veins?

These protocols will be revised and emailed to GDGs after the meeting for final review, comments and feedback, specifically on the outcomes section.

4. **Clinical question: What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of compression therapy compared with no treatment / lifestyle advice in people with leg varicose veins?**
 - Members of the NCGC Technical Team presented the clinical evidence found for this question to the GDG.
5. A presentation on writing recommendations and drafting the LETR was given by a member of the NCGC Technical Team.
6. **Clinical question: What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of stripping surgery compared with sclerotherapy in people with truncal leg varicose veins?**
 - Members of the NCGC Technical Team presented the re-analysis of the clinical evidence found for this question to the GDG.
7. **Clinical question: What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of sclerotherapy compared with endothermal ablation in people with truncal leg varicose veins?**

Members of the NCGC Technical Team presented the clinical and health economic evidence found for this question to the GDG. The Group then discussed the evidence and agreed that once revisions have been made to the evidence report, they will draft the recommendation at a future GDG meeting.
8. **Clinical question: What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of stripping surgery compared with endothermal ablation in people with truncal leg varicose veins?**

Members of the NCGC Technical Team presented the clinical and health economic evidence found for this question to the GDG. The Group then discussed the evidence and agreed that once revisions have been made to the evidence report, they will draft the recommendation at a future GDG meeting.
9. **Health economics workplan**

The draft health economics workplan was agreed by the GDG.
10. **Clinical introductions**

GDG members were allocated clinical introductions to draft.
11. The meeting closed at 4.30pm.
12. **Date, time and venue of the next meeting**

Wednesday January 25th (10:00–16:30); Boardroom, NCGC, 180 Great Portland Street, London W1W 5QZ