

**Date and time:** Monday 3 March 2014, 1000-1600

**Minutes:** Confirmed

**Guideline Development Group Meeting**    **Diagnosis and monitoring of asthma**  
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**Place:** Boardroom, NCGC, 180 Great Portland Street, London W1W 5QZ

**Present:** John Alexander, Consultant in Paediatrics & Paediatric Intensive Care  
Tara Burn, Patient member  
Erol Gaillard, Senior Lecturer & Honorary Consultant in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine  
Val Hudson, Patient member  
Matthew Masoli, Consultant Respiratory Physician  
Melanie McFeeters, Consultant Nurse in Children’s Respiratory Diseases  
Andrew Menzies-Gow (Chair), Consultant in Respiratory Medicine  
Tahmina Siddiqui, General Practitioner partner  
Emily Davies, Research Fellow, NCGC  
Alex Haines, Health Economist, NCGC  
Grace Marsden, Senior Health Economist, NCGC (present for item 7)  
Paul Miller, Senior Information Scientist, NCGC (present for item 8)  
Jill Parnham, Operations Director, NCGC  
Amelia Unsworth, Project Manager, NCGC (notes)

**Apologies:** Ren Gilmartin, Respiratory Nurse Specialist  
Bernard Higgins, Clinical Director, NCGC  
Angela Key, Chief Respiratory Physiologist  
Rachel O’Mahony, Senior Research Fellow, NCGC  
Georgina Russell, RCP Clinical Fellow (Specialist Trainee Adviser)  
Michael Thomas, Professor of Primary Care Research & Principal in General Practice

**In attendance:**

NICE Staff:	Caroline Keir, Guidelines Commissioning Manager	
NICE attendee 1		

**Observers:**

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## Notes

### 1. **Welcome and declarations of interest**

The Chair welcomed the group to the seventh meeting of this GDG. Apologies were received from RG, AK and MT.

The Chair reviewed and requested updates to the declarations of interest register.

AMG declared personal pecuniary interests for presenting on specialist commissioning of severe asthma at four meetings for Novartis, presenting at two meetings in Denmark on severe asthma for Novartis and attending the Gulf Thoracic Society in UAE, sponsored by Novartis. These were classified as non-specific personal pecuniary interests. The guideline lead agreed that no further action was required.

MMF declared personal pecuniary interests for a speaker fee received for an educational talk to healthcare professionals in January 2014, for a talk presented on asthma management in children at a meeting sponsored by GSK, and for steering committee/advisory board meeting attendance in February 2014 for AbbVie in preparation for the EMBRACE 2014 meeting. These were classified as non-specific personal pecuniary interests. The Chair agreed that no further action was required.

No further declarations of interest were received and therefore no further action was required.

### 2. **GDG5&6 minutes**

The minutes of the last meetings were agreed as a true and accurate record.

### 3. **Review linking evidence to recommendations**

The GDG reviewed the linking evidence to recommendations for IgE/skin prick, mannitol, exercise challenge, histamine & methacholine, bronchodilator response and peak expiratory flow.

### 4. **Sensitivity/specificity: recap**

The GDG was given a presentation on diagnostic test accuracy.

### 5. **Evidence review: FeNO for diagnosis**

The GDG reviewed the clinical and cost effectiveness evidence for FeNO for diagnosis.

### 6. **Evidence review: symptoms after exercise**

The GDG reviewed the clinical and cost effectiveness evidence for symptoms after exercise.

### 7. **HE model: update**

The GDG was given a presentation on the health economic model for asthma diagnosis.

8. **Protocols**  
The GDG agreed review protocols.
9. **Full guideline: draft structure**  
The GDG agreed the order of reviews for the full guideline.
10. **Any other business**  
None.

**Date, time and venue of the next meeting**

Tuesday 8 April 2014, 1000-1600 at NCGC, 180 Great Portland Street, London W1W 5QZ