# **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Guideline Committee – development**

**Date:** 03/07/2017 – 04/07/2017

Location: NICE offices, London

Minutes: Final



Committee members present:					
-	Day 1	Day 2			
Andrew Bradbury (AB) - Chair	Present for all	Present for all			
Alun Huw Davies (AD)	Present for all	Present for all			
Jugdeep Dhesi (JD)	Present for all	Present for all			
Chris Hammond (CH)	Present for all	Present for all			
Adam Pichel (AP)	Present for all	Present for all			
Tamsin Ribbons (TR)	Present for all	Present for all			
Les Ruffell (LR)	Present for all	Present for all			
Matthew Slater (MS)	Present for all	Present for all			
Alan Huw Smith (AHS)	Present for all	Present for all			

In attendance:			
	Day 1	Day 2	
Jamie Elvidge (JE)	Present for all	Present for all	
Senior Analyst (HE)			
Justine Karpusheff (JK)	Present for all	Present for all	
Guidelines Commissioning Manager			
Caroline Mulvihill (CM)	Present for all	Present for all	
Technical Adviser			
Adam O'Keefe (AO)	Present for all	Present for all	
Project Manager			
Jeffrey Tabiri-Essuman (JT)	Present for all	Present for all	
Technical Analyst			
Sue Spiers (SS)	Present for all	Present for all	
Associate Director			
Adam Storrow (AS)	Apologies	Present for all	
Business Analyst			

Observers (Day 2 only):				
Shreya Shukla	NICE – Technical Analyst	Present for all items on Day 2		
Susan Norris	World Health Organisation (WHO)	Present for all items on Day 2		

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Ivan Benett - Committee member

Karen Jellett - Committee member

Noel Wilson – Committee member

Sarah Glover – NICE Information Specialist

Lisa Stone - NICE Medicines Advisor

## Day 1 Monday 3 July 2017:

# 1. Welcome, apologies, minutes of the last meeting, declarations of interest

## Welcome

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to day one of the eleventh meeting of the abdominal aortic aneurysm guideline committee. The Chair advised the Committee that two members of the Committee – Claire Martin (Vascular Nurse) and Gillian Kitching (Radiographer) had resigned due to factors not related to this Committee. These positions will be advertised for.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies for the meeting were received as detailed above.

#### <u>Objectives</u>

The Chair outlined the main objectives of the day, which included the presentation of evidence reviews for review questions 27 and 29 and a discussion around health economics evidence for review question 7.

#### Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the previous meeting.

#### Declarations of interest

Each committee member was asked to declare any new conflicts since the previous meeting:

- AD advised of a continuation of NIHR funding of research previously declared (not a new declaration);
- CH declared he had published in the area being discussed at this meeting the NICE team had been made aware of this prior to the meeting and declared that CH was not conflicted.

The Chair confirmed that, having also `reviewed the historical declaration of interests table that the committee members present were eligible to attend the committee meeting and contribute to the discussions and drafting of any recommendations.

2. Health Economics – additional studies identified for Review Question 7, originally presented at GComm 9: What is the effectiveness of early surgery compared with a continued surveillance approach in reducing morbidity and mortality in people with unruptured abdominal aortic aneurysms?

JE advised the committee that since this review question was presented at committee meeting 9, two further economic studies had been identified which the committee needed to consider. HE presented this economic evidence for the committee's consideration. The committee discussed these two extra studies and their implications for the recommendations drafted in April 2017. As a result of these discussions, the committee decided to retain three of the four recommendations drafted at Committee meeting 9 but to remove one recommendation.

3. Review Question 27: How frequently should people be monitored for postoperative complications, further aneurysm expansion and aneurysm rupture after EVAR or open repair of an abdominal aortic aneurysm?

CH provided a brief clinical introduction to the topic for the benefit of committee members and attendees.

JT informed the committee that no relevant evidence had been identified and provided an explanation for the reasons studies had been excluded. JE informed the committee that no relevant health economic evidence had been identified.

The committee acknowledged the lack of evidence in this area but discussed their own current clinical practice and drafted two recommendations and two research recommendations based on their experience and expertise.

4. Review Question 29 Is tailored surveillance more effective than generalised surveillance in monitoring for postoperative complications, further aneurysm expansion and aneurysm rupture after EVAR or open repair of an abdominal aortic aneurysm?

JT informed the committee that no relevant evidence had been identified and provided an explanation for the reasons studies had been excluded. JE informed the committee that no relevant health economic evidence had been identified.

The committee discussed it's clinical experience in this area and decided to make no recommendations.

#### 5. Next steps

The Chair thanked the committee for their time and contribution to Day 1 and confirmed that Day 2 will commence at 10am.

# Day 2 Tuesday 4 July 2017:

## 1. Welcome, apologies, minutes of the last meeting, declarations of interest

# Introduction

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the day two of the eleventh meeting of the abdominal aortic aneurysm guideline committee.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies for the meeting were received as detailed above.

#### Objectives

The Chair outlined the main objectives of the day, which included the presentation of evidence reviews for review questions 11 and 30.

### 2. Resource Impact Assessment presentation

AS introduced himself as the Resource Impact Assessment (RIA) lead on the guideline, explained the role of the Business Analyst and answered the committee's questions around this.

# 3. Review Question 11: What presurgical interventions are effective in optimising surgical outcome in people undergoing surgical repair of an unruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm?

AD provided a brief clinical introduction to the topic for the benefit of committee members and attendees.

JT recapped the search protocol and presented the evidence supporting Review Question 30 for the committee's consideration. JE advised that no economic evidence had been identified for this question.

The committee considered the evidence presented but requested further information on the studies presented be sought before recommendations are drafted. This question will therefore be revisited at a future meeting.

# 4. Review Question 30: What post-operative interventions are effective in reducing the risk of complications after surgical repair of an abdominal aortic aneurysm, as well as optimising postoperative outcomes and survival?

AD provided a brief clinical introduction to the topic for the benefit of committee members and attendees.

JT recapped the search protocol and presented the evidence supporting Review Question 30 for the committee's consideration. JE advised that no economic evidence had been identified for this question.

The committee considered the evidence presented and drafted two recommendations and three research recommendations.

# 5. Next steps

The Chair thanked the committee for their time and contribution to Day 2. The venue, date and time of the next meeting was confirmed:

Date of next meeting: Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 August 2017.

Location of next meeting: NICE offices, Manchester.