

**Managing common infections NICE guideline**  
**Otitis Media (acute): antimicrobial prescribing [NG91 update]**  
**(Meeting 6)**  
**Minutes**

**Date:** 19/10/21

**Location:** Virtual

**Minutes:** Final

**Committee members present:**

Tessa Lewis – Chair (TL)	Present for items 1 - 6
Stephanie Dancer (SD)	Present for part of item 1 - 6
Alastair Hay (AH)	Present for items 1 - 6
Ian Hill-Smith (IH)	Present for items 1 - 6
Philip Howard (PH)	Present for items 1 - 6
Marisa Lanzman (ML)	Present for items 1 - 6
Paddy McMaster (PM)	Present for items 1 - 6
John Morris (JM)	Present for items 1 - 6
Mitul Patel (MP)	Present for items 1 - 6
Carole Pitkeathley (CP)	Present for items 1 - 6
Avril Tucker (AT)	Present for part of item 4 - 6
Caroline Ward (CW)	Present for items 1 - 6

**In attendance (NICE):**

Heather Allred (HA)	Present for items 1 – part of item 4
Helen Barnett (HB)	Present for items 1 - 6
Emma Carter (EC)	Present for item 1
Alex Curwen (AC)	Present for items 1 - 6
Rupert Franklin (RF)	Present for items 1 - part of item 4
Ruth Garnett (RG)	Present for items 1 - 6
Jonathan Littler (JL)	Present for item 1
Eric Power (EP)	Present for items 1 - 2
Louise Picton (LP)	Present for items 1 - 6
Ian Pye (IP)	Present for items 1 - 6
Jonathan Underhill (JU)	Present for items 1 - 6

**Apologies:** Amelia Joseph, Susan Hopkins

## 1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

The chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to otitis media (acute) meeting 6 of the public health advisory committee D (managing common infections committee). The committee members and attendees introduced themselves.

The chair informed the committee that apologies had been received as noted above.

The chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included:

- Managing common infections – Discussion of possible minor amendments to NG120 Cough (acute): antimicrobial prescribing and NG79 Sinusitis (acute): antimicrobial prescribing following the MHRA safety review of macrolides in pregnancy
- Managing common infections – Discussion of new evidence and draft recommendations for guidance for an update to NG91 Otitis media (acute): antimicrobial prescribing

## 2. Declaration of interests

The chair asked the committee to declare any new or relevant interests.

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest
Alastair Hay	Part time salaried GP at The Concord Medical Centre, Bristol Professor of Primary Care, University of Bristol	Hay, A.D.; Downing, H.; Francis, N.A; et al. Anaesthetic-analgesic ear drops to reduce antibiotic consumption in children with acute otitis media: the CEDAR RCT. Health Technology Assessment (Winchester England), vol.23, no. 34, 2019, pp 1-48
Philip Howard	Consultant Antimicrobial Pharmacist, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust	Now regional antimicrobial stewardship lead, NHS England and NHS Improvement
Mitul Patel	Consultant Microbiologist and Clinical Lead (Microbiology), Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Trust	Organises Clinical Microbiology and Infection, FRCPATH exam Workshops for overseas students

Paddy McMaster	Consultant in Paediatric Infectious Diseases, North Manchester General Hospital	Northwest paediatric antimicrobial guidance is now national.
Louise Picton	Senior medicines advisor, NICE	Husband works for RB (consumer healthcare), manufacturer of oral analgesia, in a non-health related position and holds shares in RB. This includes a range of over-the-counter products, including antibiotic preparations.

The chair and a senior member of the NICE Development team (NDT) noted that the interests declared did not prevent the attendees from participating in the meeting at the chair's discretion. TL confirmed AH would be asked to leave the meeting when the relevant paper is used as evidence for a recommendation.

### **3. Update on current topics and process**

EP updated the committee on upcoming changes at NICE and the future of the antimicrobial stewardship programme.

10:12 SD joined the meeting

EP thanked the committee for their support and views.

10:55 EC and JL left the meeting

### **4. Managing common infections – Discussion of possible minor amendments to NG120 Cough (acute): antimicrobial prescribing and NG79 Sinusitis (acute): antimicrobial prescribing following the MHRA safety review of macrolides in pregnancy**

RG shared slides detailing the MHRA safety review of macrolides in pregnancy, and the review of NICE guidelines with macrolide recommendations.

The committee considered whether to retain the macrolide recommendation in the identified antibiotic choice tables and if any additional wording was required.

11:15 HA left the meeting

11:25am AT joined the meeting

The committee agreed to retain the macrolide recommendation with additional wording around the safety warning.

11:35 EP left the meeting

11:41 RF left the meeting

**5. Managing common infections – Discussion of new evidence and draft recommendations for guidance for an update to NG91 Otitis media (acute): antimicrobial prescribing**

LP presented slides on the existing recommendations in otitis media (acute): antimicrobial prescribing (NG91) and the exceptional review that has been produced following introduction of a new anaesthetic/analgesic ear drop preparation into the market.

The committee discussed the evidence presented to them.

12:46 AH left the meeting

The committee agreed to make a draft recommendation based on the evidence presented to them.

13:16 CW left the meeting

**6. Any other business**

No additional items were raised. The meeting closed at 13.20