# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

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# Diagnostics Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting minutes

**Minutes:** Confirmed

**Date and time:** 31 August 2022

**Location:** Via Zoom

## Attendees

Committee members present

1. Brian Shine (Chair) Present for all items
2. Keith Abrams Present for all items
3. Liz Adair Present for all items
4. Joy Allen Present for all items
5. John Cairns Present for all items
6. Sam Creavin Present for all items
7. Diane Davies Present for all items
8. Neil Hawkins Present for all items
9. Patrick McGinley Present for all items
10. Brendan Meyer Present for all items
11. Radha Ramachandran Present for all items
12. Karen Sennett Present for all items
13. Matt Stevenson Present for all items

NICE staff present

Mark Chapman, Interim Director of Medical Technology Present for all items

Sarah Byron, Programme Manager - Devices, Diagnostics Present for all items  
and Digital

Rebecca Albrow, Associate Director Present for all items

Thomas Walker, Health Technology Assessment Adviser Present for all items

Vera Unwin, Health Technology Assessment Analyst Present for all items

Toni Gasse, Project Manager Present for all items

Alex Sexton, Administrator Present for all items

External assessment group representatives present

Mark Simmonds, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Present for items 1 to 1.2.5 Reviews and Dissemination, University of York

Edward Cox, Research Fellow, Centre for Health Present for items 1 to 1.2.5

Economics, University of York

**Specialist Committee Members present**

Alastair Church, Consultant Neurologist, GP Principal,Present for all items

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

Debbie Davies, Senior Parkinson’s Specialist Nurse for Present for all items

Neurology, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

Jennifer Hocking, Lay specialist committee member Present for all items

Chris Kobylecki, Consultant Neurologist, Northern Care Present for all items  
Alliance NHS Trust

Lynne Osborne, Consultant Nurse Parkinson’s Service Present for all items

John Whipps, Lay specialist committee member Present for all items

Sue Whipps, Lay specialist committee member Present for all items

Observers present

Matthew Brown, Digital Media Manager, NICE Present for all items

Emma Gordon, Coordinator, Meetings in Public, NICE Present for items 1 – 1.2.5

Emilene Coventry, Senior Medical Editor, NICE Present for all items

Lynne Kincaid, Data and Analytics, NICE Present for all items

Laura Marsden, Public Involvement Adviser, NICE Present for all items

Edgar Masanga, Business Analyst, NICE Present for all items

Judith Short, Technical Adviser, NICE Present for all items

## Minutes

### Assessment of Devices for remote continuous monitoring of people with Parkinson’s disease

### The Chair welcomed members of the committee and other attendees present to the meeting.

The Chair noted apologies from standing committee members Rebecca Allcock, Michael Messenger, Alexandria Moseley, Shelley Rahman Haley, and Alasdair Taylor.

* 1. The committee approved the minutes of the committee meeting held on 28 July 2022.
  2. Part 1 – Open session

The Chair welcomed external assessment group representatives, members of the public, and company representatives from Global Kinetics PTY, Great Lakes NeuroTechnologies Inc, PD Neurotechnology Limited and Sense4Care.

* + 1. The Chair asked all committee members to declare any new relevant interests in relation to the topic being considered in addition to those declared in advance of the meeting. The following standing committee members had notified these interests in advance of the meeting:

Liz Adair declared a non-financial professional and personal interest as she is a Trustee of a charity, Carers Network, which supports unpaid carers in West London. It was agreed that this interest would not prevent Liz Adair from participating in the meeting.

Joy Allen declared a financial interest as she is an employee of Roche Diagnostics. It was agreed that this interest would noy prevent Joy Allen from participating in the meeting.

John Cairns declared financial interests as he had advised Astellas on the economic of evaluation of Roxadustat (interest ceased May 2021), Takeda on the economic evaluation of maribavir (interest ceased August 2021) and he had participated in a double-blinded focus group on an epilepsy treatment organised by PWC Switzerland (completed Dec 2021). It was agreed that these interests would not prevent John Cairns from participating in the meeting.

Patrick McGinley declared a financial interest as he is a Faculty Member of MTech Access, providing updates on NHS Finance regime and the impact of its changes to MTech Access. He also declared non-financial professional and personal interests as he is a Strategic Council member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Obesity, providing advice on costs of the disease within NHS to the APPG. He is also the Honorary Treasurer for the Association for Study of Obesity (ASO). It was agreed that these interests would not prevent Patrick McGinley from participating in the meeting.

The following specialist committee members had notified these interests in advance of the meeting:

Alastair Church declared financial interests as he is a GP Partner with a partnership share in the business; and a non-financial professional and personal interest as he is on the Steering committee of the Primary Care Neurology Society. It was agreed that these interests would not prevent Alastair Church from participating in the meeting.

Debbie Davies declared a financial interest as in January 2022 she had received payment from Bial Pharmaceuticals for being a speaker providing three patients case studies on the use of Opicapone a COMT inhibitor five years on. It was agreed that this interest would not prevent Debbie Davies from participating in the meeting.

Jennifer Hocking declared a non-financial professional and personal interest as she is a patient representative on a working group at University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust investigating the possible expansion of the Home Based Care pathway, one element of which is the PKG. The patient representatives are there to give the real world experience and she is not paid for this role. It was agreed that this interest would not prevent Jennifer Hocking from participating in the meeting.

Christopher Kobylecki declared non-financial professional and personal interests as, in 2021, he had published academic paper discussing use of PKG (doi: 10.14802/jmd.20090) and he is involved in quality improvement assessment of PKG in local clinical services. It was agreed that these interests would not prevent Christopher Kobylecki from participating in the meeting.

Lynne Osborne declared financial interests as, in September 2021, she had received payment from Merz Pharma re to speak at the Parkinson’s Disease Nurse Specialist Association re Xeomin, and, in October 2022, will be attending a conference, the 4th Scientific Symposium on Symptoms Management in Parkinson’s Disease, with the flight and conference cost to be paid by Ever Pharma. She also declared non-financial professional and personal interest as she is PI for a research study called PD Care which utilizes a different form of monitoring device, GENEActiv. PD Care is a non-commercial study between the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust and Cornwall Partnership Foundation Trust. Her organisation maybe reimbursed but not her individually. She further declared a non-financial professional and personal interest as, in August 2022, she has had contact with Kinetikos regarding the use of their mobile phone app in Cornwall. An agreement is being drawn up for Cornwall Foundation Partnership Trust to pilot this mobile app free of charge for a period of time. It was agreed that these interests would not prevent Lynne Osborne from participating in the meeting.

John Whipps declared a non-financial professional and personal interest as he had previously expressed an opinion on the PKG watch in media reporting, and to Parkinson’s Life. The most recent of these was in April 2022, and the full version of the press release can be found [here](https://www.england.nhs.uk/2022/04/parkinsons-patients-benefit-from-revolutionary-watch-on-the-nhs-to-manage-care-at-home/). He also declared a non-financial professional and personal interest as he is a patient representative on a working group at University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust investigating the possible expansion of the Home Based Care pathway, one element of which is the PKG. The patient representatives are there to give the real world experience and he is not paid for this role. It was agreed that the first interest meant John Whipps would be partially excluded from the meeting, and he attended for the Part 1 discussions only.

Sue Whipps declared a non-financial professional and personal interest as she is a care-partner representative on a working group at University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust, investigating the possible expansion of the Home Based Care pathway. One element of this is remote monitoring of patients. Currently, the PKG is the validated device used for motor symptoms but the project is open to further technical developments. As a care-partner representative she is there to give the real world experience. She is not paid for this role. It was agreed that this interest would not prevent Sue Whipps from participating in the meeting.

* + 1. The Committee proceeded to discuss the clinical and cost effectiveness of ‘Devices for remote continuous monitoring of people with Parkinson’s disease’. The Committee was asked if there were any specific equality issues to consider in relation to this assessment.
    2. The Chair asked the representatives of the manufacturers whether they wished to comment on any matters of factual accuracy.
    3. The Chair thanked the manufacturer representatives, the EAG and public observers for their attendance at the meeting.
    4. The Chair explained that “representatives of the press and other members of the public be excluded from the remainder of this meeting having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, publicity on which would be prejudicial to the public interest (Section 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)” and all public attendees left the meeting.
  1. Part 2 - Closed session
     1. The committee discussed confidential information submitted for this item.
     2. The committee then agreed on the content of the Diagnostics Consultation Document (DCD). The committee decision was reached by consensus.
     3. The committee asked the NICE technical team to prepare the DCD in line with their decisions.

### Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Diagnostics Advisory Committee (next topic) will be held on 28 September 2022.