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Interventional Procedures Advisory Committee (IPAC) meeting minutes

**Minutes:** Confirmed

**Date and time:** Thursday, 10 August 2023

**Location:** Via Zoom

**Attendees**

# Committee members present

1. Professor Tom Clutton-Brock (Chair) Present for all items
2. Mr James Tysome (Vice Chair) Present for all items
3. Mr Christopher Adams Present for all items
4. Dr Jon Bell Present for all items except item 8
5. Dr Jurjees Hasan Present for all items
6. Mr Mahmoud Elfar Present for all items
7. Mr Marwan Habiba Present for all items
8. Professor Matt Bown Present for all items
9. Mr Matthew Metcalfe Present for all items
10. Mr Mustafa Zakkar Present for all items
11. Mr Paddy Storrie Present for all items
12. Dr Stuart Smith Present for all items
13. Ms Veena Soni Present for all items

# NICE staff present:

Dr Alan Ashworth – Consultant Clinical Advisor, IPP

Amy Crossley – HTA Advisor, IPP

Anastasia Chalkidou – Associate Director, IPP

Ben Pearce – Senior Medical Editor, Publishing

Charlie Campion – Project Manager, IPP

Deonee Stanislaus – Coordinator, IPP

Helen Crosbie – Public Involvement Advisor, Public Involvement Programme

Helen Gallo – Senior Health Technology Assessment Analyst, IPP

Lakshmi Mandava – Health Technology Assessment Analyst, IPP

Louisa Robinson – Health Technology Assessment Analyst, IPP

Lyn Davies – Coordinator, Corporate Office

Peter Barry – Consultant Clinical Advisor, IPP

Ruth Melville – Senior Medical Editor, IPP

Sammy Shaw – Associate Health Technology Assessment Analyst, IPP

Setal Bachelard – Content Designer – Guidance, Publishing

Tony Akobeng – Consultant Clinical Advisor, IPP

Xia Li – Health Technology Assessment Analyst, IPP

Zoe Jones – Administrator, IPP

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# External group representatives present:

Dr Gerhard Dahlhoff, Oncobeta Present for item 4

Dr Sam Vohra, Oncobeta Present for item 4

Roelie Kruis, Applied Medical Present for item 6

Sofie Wright, Applied Medical Present for item 6

Theo Mastrokostopoulos, Limflow Present for item 7

Rory Telfer, Apollo Endosurgery Present for item 8

Frank O’Neill, Apollo Endosurgery Present for item 8

Chris Earley, USGI Medical Present for item 8

Barham Adu Dayyeh, USGI Medical Present for item 8

# Clinical, Patient & NHS England experts present:

Stefan Voo, Consultant Nuclear Medicine Physician, University College London Hospital Present for item 4

Agata Rembielak, Consultant Clinical Oncologist, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust Present for item 4

Ouida Ali, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Epsom General Hospital Present for item 6

Narayanan Thulasidasan, Consultant Interventional Radiologist, Guy’s & St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust Present for item 7

Paul Moxey, Consultant Vascular Surgeon, St George’s Hospital Present for item 7

Andrew Currie, Consultant in Upper GI and General Surgery, Epsom and St Helier Hospitals NHS Trust Present for item 8

Jamie Kelly, Upper GI Lead Consultant Surgeon, University Hospital Southampton Present for item 8

Devinder Bansi, Consultant Gastroenterologist and Interventional Endoscopist, Imperial College London Present for item 8

1. Introduction to the meeting
   1. The chair welcomed members of the committee and other attendees present to the meeting.
   2. The chair noted apologies from Augusto Azuara-Blanco, Dawn Lee, Dhiraj Tripathi, Karen Nugent, Patrick Farrell, Paula Whittaker, and Tim Kinnaird.
2. News and announcements
   1. The chair announced that they have interviewed for the nurse position and have offered the post to a candidate. The chair also confirmed that applications are now live for a number of IPAC posts: GP, methodologist, and public health specialist, along with a healthcare professional in training.
   2. The chair notified the committee that the MHRA has released a statement on CE marking recognition for medical devices and in vitro diagnostics.
   3. The chair informed the committee that Zoe will be sending an email about the in-person IPAC away day travel and accommodation tomorrow. The chair encouraged the committee to respond as soon as possible.
   4. The chair notified the committee that this will be Sammy Shaw’s last meeting and thanked him for his contribution to IP.
3. Minutes from the last meeting
   1. The committee approved the minutes of the committee meeting held on 13/07/2023.
4. NNP of IP1975 High dose rate brachytherapy using rhenium paste for non-melanoma skin cancer
   1. Part 1 – Open session
      1. The Chair welcomed the invited clinical experts, members of the public and company representatives from Oncobeta.
      2. The Chair asked all committee members to declare any relevant interests in relation to the item being considered.

* No conflicts of interest were declared for the procedure.
* The Committee was asked whether there were any specific equalities issues to consider in relation to this procedure.
  + 1. The Chair then introduced Mahmoud Elfar, who gave a presentation on the safety and efficacy of High dose rate brachytherapy using rhenium paste for non-melanoma skin cancer.
  1. Part 2 – Closed session

Company representatives, clinical experts and members of the public were asked to leave the meeting: 9:58.

* + 1. The committee then made its provisional recommendations on the safety and efficacy of the procedure. The committee decision was reached by consensus.
    2. The committee asked the NICE technical team to prepare the Consultation Document [IPCD] in line with their decisions.

A document explaining the draft recommendations will be available here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/process/pmg28/chapter/draft-recommendations>

1. Briefs of IP1972 Image-guided percutaneous laser ablation for primary and secondary liver tumours
   1. Part 1 – Closed session
      1. The Chair asked all committee members to declare any relevant interests in relation to the item being considered.

* No conflicts of interest were declared for the procedure.
* The Committee was asked whether there were any specific equalities issues to consider in relation to this procedure.
  + 1. The Chair then introduced Jon Bell, who gave a presentation on the safety and efficacy of Image-guided percutaneous laser ablation for primary and secondary liver tumours.
    2. The committee approved the content of the scope as adequate for evaluation of this procedure.

1. Public Consultation comments of IP1937 Vaginal natural orifice transluminal endoscopic surgery for hysterectomy and adnexal surgery
   1. Part 1 – Open session
      1. The Chair welcomed the invited clinical experts, members of the public and company representatives from Applied Medical.
      2. The Chair asked all committee members to declare any relevant interests in relation to the item being considered.

* No conflicts of interest were declared for the procedure.
* The Committee was asked whether there were any specific equalities issues to consider in relation to this procedure.
  + 1. The Chair then summarised the comments received during the consultation on the draft guidance for Vaginal natural orifice transluminal endoscopic surgery for hysterectomy and adnexal surgery.
    2. The Chair introduced the key themes arising from the consultation responses to the Interventional Procedures Consultation Document [IPCD] received from consultees, commentators and through the NICE website.
  1. Part 2 – Closed session

Company representatives, clinical experts and members of the public were asked to leave the meeting: 11:22.

* + 1. The committee then made its provisional recommendations on the safety and efficacy of the procedure. The committee decision was reached by consensus.
    2. The committee asked the NICE technical team to prepare the Final Document [FIPD] in line with their decisions.  
         
       A document explaining the final recommendations is available here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/process/pmg28/chapter/the-production-of-guidance>

1. Public Consultation comments of IP1934 Percutaneous deep venous arterialisation for chronic limb-threatening ischaemia
   1. Part 1 – Open session
      1. The Chair welcomed the invited clinical experts, members of the public and company representatives from Limflow.
      2. The Chair asked all committee members to declare any relevant interests in relation to the item being considered.

* Matt Bown declared a non-financial professional and personal interest as his unit participated in the clinical trial of this technology. He wasn’t involved and doesn’t do the procedure himself, but funding was received for this research.
* It was agreed that his declaration would not prevent Matt Bown from participating in this section of the meeting.
* The Committee was asked whether there were any specific equalities issues to consider in relation to this procedure.
  + 1. The Chair then introduced James Tysome, who summarised the comments received during the consultation on the draft guidance for Percutaneous deep venous arterialisation for chronic limb-threatening ischaemia.
    2. The Chair introduced the key themes arising from the consultation responses to the Interventional Procedures Consultation Document [IPCD] received from consultees, commentators and through the NICE website.
  1. Part 2 – Closed session

Company representatives, clinical experts and members of the public were asked to leave the meeting: 12:13.

* + 1. The committee then made its provisional recommendations on the safety and efficacy of the procedure. The committee decision was reached by consensus.
    2. The committee asked the NICE technical team to prepare the Final Document [FIPD] in line with their decisions.  
         
       A document explaining the final recommendations is available here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/process/pmg28/chapter/the-production-of-guidance>

1. NNP of IP1970 Endoscopic gastric plication for severe obesity
   1. Part 1 – Open session
      1. The Chair welcomed the invited clinical experts, members of the public and company representatives from Apollo Endosurgery and USGI Medical.
      2. The Chair asked all committee members to declare any relevant interests in relation to the item being considered.

* No conflicts of interest were declared for the procedure.
* The Committee was asked whether there were any specific equalities issues to consider in relation to this procedure.
  + 1. The Chair then introduced Stuart Smith, who gave a presentation on the safety and efficacy of Endoscopic gastric plication for severe obesity.
  1. Part 2 – Closed session

Company representatives, clinical experts and members of the public were asked to leave the meeting: 13:49.

* + 1. The committee then made its provisional recommendations on the safety and efficacy of the procedure. The committee decision was reached by consensus.
    2. The committee asked the NICE technical team to prepare the Consultation Document [IPCD] in line with their decisions.

A document explaining the draft recommendations will be available here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/process/pmg28/chapter/draft-recommendations>

1. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Interventional Procedures Advisory Committee (IPAC) will be held on 14/09/2023 and will start promptly at 9am.