

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## Medical Technologies Advisory Committee (MTAC)

### 67<sup>th</sup> MTAC Meeting – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Level 1A City Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester M1 4BT

**Committee members  
present:**

Dr Peter Groves (Chair)  
Dr Fiona Denison (Vice-chair)  
Ms Susan Bennett  
Mr Mike Burrows  
Professor Daniel Clark  
Mr Steven Fearn  
Professor Tony Freemont  
Professor Shaheen Hamdy  
Dr Cynthia Iglesias  
Professor Mohammad Ilyas  
Dr Paul Knox  
Dr Jai Patel  
Mr Brian Selman  
Professor Allan Wailoo  
Mr Alun Williams

**Committee member  
apologies:**

Mr Matthew Campbell – Hill  
Dr Greg Irving  
Professor Eva Kaltenthaler  
Professor Rory O'Connor  
Mr John Wilkinson  
Dr Amber Young

**Medical Technologies  
Evaluation Programme  
staff in attendance:**

Mirella Marlow, Programme Director  
Mark Campbell, Associate Director  
Chris Pomfrett, Technical Adviser  
Sheryl Warttig, Technical Adviser  
Jo Higgins, Senior Technical Analyst  
Kimberley Carter, Technical Analyst  
Liesl Millar, Technical Analyst  
Abigail Stevenson, Technical Analyst  
Jae Long, Project Manager  
Izabela Syrek, Administrator

**Expert Advisers in  
attendance:**

Prof Dilly Anumba, Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology,  
School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, The University  
of Sheffield – **via phone**

**Observers in attendance:**

Alexa Forrester, Medical Technology Implementation Manager, Adoption and Impact team, NICE

Lee Walker, Business Analyst, Resource Impact Assessment team, NICE

Thomas Walker, Senior Technical Analyst, Diagnostics Assessment team, NICE

Sarah Richards, Technical Analyst, Scientific Advice team, NICE

Peter Cook, Deputy Director, KiTEC External Assessment Centre

**10:00 – Part 2 closed session commenced**

**1. Introduction to the meeting**

The chairman welcomed all members of the committee and other attendees present to the meeting.

**2. Any other business**

No other business was offered.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting**

The committee agreed the minutes from the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 committee meeting.

**4. MT319 The PartoSure Test to aid diagnosis of preterm labour in women with intact membranes**

The chairman welcomed the invited experts to the meeting.

The chairman asked all committee members, experts, NICE staff and observers to declare any relevant interests in relation to the technology being considered.

- Dr Fiona Denison declared a non-personal non-financial interest as she shares an office with Dr Sarah Stock who is an expert advisor for Partosure and leads the QUIDs study. Dr Dennison is aware of the ongoing work of this study.
  - It was agreed that her declaration would not prevent Dr Denison from participating in this section of the meeting.

No further conflicts of interest were declared for the technology.

The committee was asked if there were any specific equality issues to consider in relation to the technology.

The topic was introduced by Mr Brian Selman with Prof Dilly Anumba providing expert advice.

The committee then considered the technology for selection and routing. The selection and routing decision was reached by consensus.

## **5. MT330 Senza Spinal Cord Stimulation (SCS) System for managing chronic pain**

The chairman asked all committee members, NICE staff and observers to declare any relevant interests in relation to the technology being considered.

- Mr Steven Fearn declared a personal financial interest as he is employed by St Jude Medical who produce a competitor product to the technology being considered.
  - It was agreed that his declaration would prevent Mr Fearn from participating in this section of the meeting and he was asked to leave the room.
- Dr Jai Patel declared a personal specific non-financial interest as he is a co-investigator of a feasibility study looking at Senza in the management of chronic intractable pain from vascular disease. The study protocol is in the stages of being finalised and is sponsored by Nervo Corp.
  - It was agreed that his declaration would not prevent Dr Patel from participating in this section of the meeting.
- Dr Cynthia Iglesias declared a personal financial interest as she provided advice on a consultancy basis to Mainstay on their ReActive 8 product in 2015 and early 2016.
  - It was agreed that her declaration would not prevent Dr Iglesias from participating in this section of the meeting.\*

No further conflicts of interest were declared for the technology.

The committee was asked if there were any specific equality issues to consider in relation to the technology.

The topic was introduced by Prof Daniel Clark with expert advice provided in advance of the meeting.

The committee then considered the technology for selection and routing. The selection and routing decision was reached by consensus.

\* After further investigation of Dr Iglesias's conflicts it was determined that they should have prevented her participation in the discussion of this topic. The committee's selection and routing decision for this topic was reconsidered at the March MTAC meeting.

**6. MT327 Permacol for anal fistula**

The chairman asked all committee members, NICE staff and observers to declare any relevant interests in relation to the technology being considered.

No conflicts of interest were declared for the technology.

The committee was asked if there were any specific equality issues to consider in relation to the technology.

The topic was introduced by Mr Steven Fearn with expert advice provided in advance of the meeting.

The committee then considered the technology for selection and routing. The selection and routing decision was reached by consensus.

**7. MT320 PleuraFlow active clearance technology for the minimisation of chest tube occlusion**

The chairman asked all committee members, NICE staff and observers to declare any relevant interests in relation to the technology being considered.

No conflicts of interest were declared for the technology.

The committee was asked if there were any specific equality issues to consider in relation to the technology.

The topic was introduced by Dr Paul Knox with expert advice provided in advance of the meeting.

The committee then considered the technology for selection and routing. The selection and routing decision was reached by consensus.

**8. MT325 The Thopaz system for the portable digital management of chest drains**

The chairman asked all committee members, NICE staff and observers to declare any relevant interests in relation to the technology being considered.

No conflicts of interest were declared for the technology.

The committee was asked if there were any specific equality issues to consider in relation to the technology.

The topic was introduced by Prof Tony Freemont with expert advice provided in advance of the meeting.

The committee then considered the technology for selection and routing. The selection and routing decision was reached by consensus.

**9. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Medical Technologies Advisory Committee will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and will start promptly at 10:00am. The meeting will be held at the NICE Manchester offices, Level 1A City Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester M1 4BT.

**13:25 – Meeting ended**