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## Medical Technologies Advisory Committee (MTAC)

70<sup>th</sup> MTAC Meeting – Friday 16th June 2017

Level1A City Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester M1 4BT

**Committee members present:** Dr Peter Groves (Chair)  
Ms Susan Bennett  
Mr Matthew Campbell – Hill  
Mr Steven Fearn  
Professor Tony Freemont  
Dr Cynthia Iglesias  
Dr Greg Irving  
Professor Mohammad Ilyas  
Dr Paul Knox  
Dr Avril McCarthy  
Professor Rory O'Connor  
Dr Jai Patel  
Mr Brian Selman  
Mr Andrew Thorpe  
Professor Allan Wailoo  
Mr John Wilkinson  
Mr Alun Williams

**Committee member apologies:** Dr Fiona Denison (Vice-chair)  
Mr Mike Burrows  
Professor Daniel Clark  
Professor Shaheen Hamdy  
Professor Eva Kaltenthaler  
Dr Karen McCutcheon  
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  
Joanne Higgins, Senior Technical Analyst  
Kimberley Carter, Technical Analyst  
Liesl Millar, Technical Analyst  
Paul Dimmock, Technical Analyst  
Neil Hewitt, Technical Analyst  
Jae Long, Project Manager  
Izabela Syrek, Administrator

**Expert Advisers in attendance:** Dr Andranick Petros, Consultant Paediatric Intensivist, Great Ormond Street Hospital, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust - **via phone**

Prof Mark Peters, Professor of Paediatric Intensive Care,  
Great Ormond St UCL Institute of Child Health - **via phone**

**Observers in attendance:**

Tracy Fox, Health Technology Adoption Manager, Adoption and Impact team, NICE

Ian Mather, Business Analyst, Resource Impact Assessment team, NICE

David Proudman, Elective Student, Interventional Procedures and Observational Data Unit team, NICE

Isaac Hung, Intern, Quality and Leadership Team, Health and Social Care directorate, NICE

**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 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 committee meeting.

**4. MT347 Servo-n with Neurally Adjusted Ventilatory Assist (NAVA) for neonates and children**

The chairman welcomed the invited experts on the telephone 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.

- Prof Mark Peters declared a personal specific non-financial interest as he is currently vice chair of the Paediatric Intensive Care Society Study Group. Research prioritisation exercises included discussion of the topic under consideration and this was not prioritised for a collaborative funding application.
  - It was agreed that his declaration would not prevent Prof Peters 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 Dr Jai Patel with Dr Andranick Petros and Prof Mark Peters providing expert advice.

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

## 5. **MT345 RhinoLight for allergic rhinitis**

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

- Mr Alun Williams declared a personal non-specific non-financial interest as his wife is a Rhinologist.
  - It was agreed that his declaration would not prevent Mr Williams 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 Mohammad Ilyas 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.

**13:25 – 13:55 – Lunch break**

**13:55 – Meeting resumed**

## 6. **MT344 TYRX Absorbable Antibacterial Envelope for cardiac implantable electronic devices**

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 specific financial interest as he is employed by Abbott who is a manufacturer of a competing 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 potential specific non-personal financial interest as Dr Patel is planning to approach the manufacturer of the technology under consideration for a departmental educational grant in the near future. This

grant would be intended to help fund conference attendance by staff in Dr Patel's department.

- It was agreed that his declaration would not prevent Mr Patel 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 John Wilkinson 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. MT343 IQoro for stroke-related dysphagia**

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

- Dr Avril McCarthy declared a non-personal specific financial interest as her department at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals has acted as an Authorised Representative for a potential competitor company (Ampcare LLC), to enable it to use two elements of its ESP dysphagia system in the UK for a clinical evaluation study. Although the Ampcare device therapy is delivered primarily via electrical stimulation, as part of its complex intervention it also comprises a resistance training device placed under the chin, which could be argued as providing a similar purpose to that of the IQoro but via a wholly different mechanical approach.

Dr McCarthy received no payments or benefits of any kind from this association.

- It was agreed that her declaration would not prevent Dr McCarthy 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 Rory O'Connor 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. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Medical Technologies Advisory Committee will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017 and will start promptly at 10:00am. The meeting venue is at the Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel, Portland Street, Manchester M1 4PH.

**15:45 – Meeting ended**