

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

Medical Technologies Advisory Committee (MTAC)

Minutes of the 73rd meeting on Friday 20th October 2017

Level1A City Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester M1 4BT

Committee members present:

- Dr Peter Groves (Chair)
- Ms Susan Bennett
- Mr Mike Burrows
- Professor Daniel Clark
- Professor Tony Freemont
- Professor Shaheen Hamdy
- Mr Chris Hudson
- Dr Cynthia Iglesias
- Professor Eva Kaltenthaler
- Professor Mohammad Ilyas
- Dr Paul Knox
- Mrs Karen McCutcheon
- Dr Avril McCarthy
- Dr Jai Patel
- Mr Brian Selman
- Professor Allan Wailoo
- Mr John Wilkinson
- Mr Alun Williams

Committee member apologies:

- Dr Fiona Denison (Vice-chair)
- Mr Matthew Campbell – Hill
- Mr Steven Fearn
- Dr Greg Irving
- Dr Rory O’Connor
- Mr Andrew Thorpe
- Dr Amber Young

Medical technologies evaluation programme staff present:

- Mark Campbell, Associate director
- Bernice Dillon, Technical adviser
- Chris Pomfrett, Technical adviser
- Neil Hewitt, Technical analyst
- Liesl Millar, Technical analyst
- Tosin Oladapo, Technical analyst
- Alexia Campbell-Burton, Technical analyst
- Jae Long, Project manager
- Izabela Syrek, Administrator

External assessment centre (EAC) representatives present:

- Dr Anastasia Chalkidou, Senior Health Technology Assessor, KiTEC
- Dr Mark Pennington, Senior Health Economist, KiTEC

Expert advisers present:

- Dr Antonin Gechev, Consultant Neurophysiologist, Hemel Hempstead Hospital, West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust
- Prof Solomon Tesfaye, Consultant Diabetologist & Research Director, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Observers present:

- Heather Stephens, Senior Health Technology Adoption Manager, Adoption and Impact Team, NICE
- Cheryl Hookway, Health Technology Adoption Manager, Adoption and Impact Team, NICE
- Jane Lynn, Business Analyst, Resource Impact Assessment Team, NICE
- Leslie Hayes, Business Analyst, Resource Impact Assessment Team, NICE
- Thomas Langford, KiTEC EAC

10.00 – Meeting began

1. Introduction to the meeting

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

2. News and announcements

The chairman offered news and announcements, and confirmed committee members who have given apologies for the meeting.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The committee agreed the minutes from the 22nd September 2017 committee meeting.

10:15 – Part 2 closed session commenced (company representatives, EAC representatives, experts and members of the public not present at the meeting).

1. MT330 Senza Spinal Cord Stimulation (SCS) System for the treatment of chronic pain – Draft guidance

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

- 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 Nevro Corp.
 - It was agreed that his declaration would not prevent Dr 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 being considered.

The topic was introduced by Prof Daniel Clark.

The committee then proposed draft recommendations on the technology and these recommendations were reached by consensus.

11:45 – Part 1 open session commenced (company representatives, EAC representatives, experts and members of the public were invited into the meeting).

2. MT318 The Neuropad test for the early detection of diabetic peripheral neuropathy – Draft guidance

The chairman welcomed the invited experts and company representatives from Skyrocket Phytopharma (UK) Ltd then rehearsed the code of conduct to the members of the public observing 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 Solomon Tesfaye declared a personal specific financial interest as he has received honoraria (less than £1000 a year) for attending Neuropad advisory board meetings for the Company that finished in 2016.
 - It was agreed that his declaration would not prevent Prof Tesfaye from acting as an expert adviser to the committee.

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 Alun Williams with Dr Antonin Gechev and Prof Solomon Tesfaye providing expert advice.

13:55 – Part 2 closed session commenced (company representatives, EAC representatives, experts and members of the public were asked to leave the meeting).

The committee then proposed draft recommendations on the technology and these recommendations were reached by consensus.

3. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the medical technologies advisory committee will be held on Friday 17th November 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.

14:40 – Meeting closed