

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## Medical Technologies Advisory Committee (MTAC)

72<sup>nd</sup> MTAC Meeting – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

Level1A City Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester M1 4BT

**Committee members  
present:**

- Dr Peter Groves (Chair)
- Ms Susan Bennett
- Mr Mike Burrows
- Mr Matthew Campbell – Hill
- Professor Daniel Clark
- Mr Steven Fearn
- Professor Tony Freemont
- Professor Eva Kaltenthaler
- Dr Paul Knox
- Dr Karen McCutcheon
- Professor Mohammad Ilyas
- Dr Avril McCarthy
- Professor Rory O'Connor
- Dr Jai Patel
- Mr Andrew Thorpe
- Professor Allan Wailoo
- Mr John Wilkinson
- Mr Alun Williams

**Committee member  
apologies:**

- Dr Fiona Denison (Vice-chair)
- Dr Greg Irving
- Professor Shaheen Hamdy
- Dr Cynthia Iglesias
- Mr Brian Selman
- Dr Amber Young

**Medical technologies  
evaluation programme  
staff in attendance:**

- Mirella Marlow, Programme Director
- Mark Campbell, Associate Director
- Bernice Dillon, Technical Adviser
- Chris Pomfrett, Technical Adviser
- Paul Dimmock, Technical Analyst
- Liesl Millar, Technical Analyst
- Jae Long, Project Manager
- Izabela Syrek, Administrator

**External assessment  
centre (EAC)  
representatives in  
attendance:**

- Ms Joyce Craig, Associate Project Director, N&Y
- Rachael McCool, Project Director, N&Y
- Dr James Evans, Health Technology Assessor, Cedar
- Dr Alistair Ray, Health Technology Assessor, Cedar
- Dr Iain Willits, Medical Technologies Evaluator, N&Y
- Mrs Helen Cole, Centre Manager, N&Y

**Expert advisers in attendance:**

- Mr Ranan Das Gupta, Consultant Urologist, Charing Cross Hospital & St Mary's Hospital
- Prof Tony Mundy, Medical Director & Consultant Urological Surgeon, University College London Hospitals
- Mr Mahmoud Elfar, Consultant Urological Surgeon & Chair of Merseyside and Cheshire Urology CNG, Aintree University Hospital
- Mrs Catherine Plowright, Consultant Nurse Critical Care, Medway Maritime Hospital
- Mrs Jenny Mitchell, Advanced Nurse Practitioner in Thoracic Surgery, John Radcliffe Hospital
- Mr Kostas Papagiannopoulos, Senior Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon, St. James's University Hospital in Leeds
- Ms Karen Sanderson, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Guy's & St Thomas Hospital
- Dr Tim Johnson, Consultant in Pain Management, Salford Royal Hospital

**Observers in attendance:**

- Heather Stephens, Senior Health Technology Adoption Manager, Adoption and Impact Team, NICE
- Jane Lynn, Business Analyst, Resource Impact Assessment Team, NICE
- Ian Mather, Business Analyst, Resource Impact Assessment Team, NICE
- Chris Marshall, Research Consultant, York Health Economics Consortium
- Alison Peel, Research Assistant, York Health Economics Consortium

**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 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017 committee meeting.

**10:15 – Part 1 open session commenced (company representatives, EAC representatives, experts and members of the public were invited into the meeting)**

**4. MT311 The Memokath-051 stent for the treatment of ureteric obstruction**

The chairman welcomed the invited experts and company representatives to the meeting.

The chairman rehearsed the code of conduct to the members of the public attending 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.

No conflicts of interest were declared for the technology.

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

The topic was introduced by Mr John Wilkinson with Mr Ranan Das Gupta, Prof Tony Mundy and Mr Mahmoud Elfar providing expert advice.

**12:15 – 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.

**13:00 – Lunch break**

**13:15 – Part 1 open session commenced (company representatives, EAC representatives, experts and members of the public were invited into the meeting)**

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

The chairman welcomed the invited experts and company representatives 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.

- Mrs Jenny Mitchell declared a specific personal financial interest, as she taught on a 'Nurse Master Class' run by the manufacturer of the product being considered (Medela UK Ltd.) in September 2016 and was paid for her time in teaching and writing educational material.
  - It was agreed that her declaration would not prevent Mrs Mitchell from acting as an expert adviser to the committee.

- Mr Kostas Papagiannopoulos declared a personal specific non-financial interest, as he has received a grant and payment for lecturing from the manufacturer of the product being considered (Medela UK Ltd).
  - It was agreed that his declaration would not prevent Mr Papagiannopoulos 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 Prof Tony Freemont with Mrs Catherine Plowright, Mrs Jenny Mitchell and Mr Kostas Papagiannopoulos providing expert advice.

**14:15 – 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.

**14:45 – Part 1 open session commenced (company representatives, EAC representatives, experts and members of the public were invited into the meeting)**

**6. MT330 Senza Spinal Cord Stimulation (SCS) System for the treatment of chronic pain**

The chairman welcomed the invited experts and company representatives 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.

- Mr Steven Fearn declared a personal specific financial interest as he is employed by Abbott 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 the manufacturer of the product being considered (Nervo Corp).
  - It was agreed that his declaration would not prevent Dr Patel from participating in this section of the meeting.

- Mr Andrew Thorpe declared a personal specific non-financial interest as he has received educational support from the manufacturer of a competitor product (Medtronic).
  - It was agreed that his declaration would not prevent Mr Thorpe from participating in this section of the meeting.
- Ms Karen Sanderson declared a personal specific financial, personal specific non-financial and non-personal interest. Ms Sanderson has an honorary contract with the manufacturer (Nevro Corp) for educational lectures. Ms Sanderson also applied for a research grant and is awaiting its approval. The manufacturer of the technology has also sponsored research grants within the research department at Ms Sanderson's place of work.
  - It was agreed that her declaration would not prevent Ms Sanderson from participating in this section of the meeting.
- Dr Tim Johnson declared a personal specific non-financial interest as he is a Consultant at an NHS pain clinic at Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust that implants the product being considered.
  - It was agreed that his declaration would not prevent Dr Johnson 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 Ms Karen Sanderson and Dr Tim Johnson providing expert advice.

**16:00 – Part 2 closed session deferred to next MTAC meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

#### **7. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Medical Technologies Advisory Committee will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and will start promptly at 10:00am.

**16:00 – Meeting ended**