

**National Collaborating Centre for
Women's and Children's Health**

**Confirmed 4th Meningitis in Children Guideline Development Group (GDG) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 16th September 2008, at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (10am – 4pm).**

Present:	Andrew Pollard (AP)	(Chair)
	Philip Monk (PM)	Public Health Medicine
	Simon Kroll (SK)	Paediatric Infectious Diseases – Children
	Paul Heath (PH)	Paediatric Infectious Diseases - Neonates
	Caroline Haines (CH)	Hospital Children's Nurse
	Sheila McQueen (SM)	Hospital Children's Nurse
	Nelly Ninis (NN)	General Paediatrician
	Alistair Thomson (AT)	General Paediatrician
	Simon Nadel (SN)	Paediatric Intensive Care
	Angela Cloke (AC)	Patient / Carer Representative
	Mathew Thompson (MT)	General Practitioner
	Ian Maconochie (IM)	Paediatric Emergency Medicine
	Shannon Amoils (SA)	Research Fellow, NCC-WCH
	Jay Banerjee (JB)	Clinical Co-director in Child Health, NCC-WCH
	Paula Broughton-Palmer (PBP)	Senior Work Programme Co-ordinator, NCC-WCH
	Paul Jacklin (PJ)	Senior Health Economist, NCC-WCH
	Roz Ullman (RU)	Senior Research Fellow, NCC-WCH
	Danielle Worster (DW)	Information Scientist, NCC-WCH
Invited:	Caroline Keir (CK)	National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) Guidelines Commissioning Manager
	David Turner (DT)	External Advisor - Clinical Microbiologist
	Chris Kitchen (ChK)	Work Programme Co-ordinator, NCC-WCH (observer)
Apologies:	Linda Glennie (LG)	Patient/Carer Representative
	Martin Richardson (MR)	General Paediatrician

1. AP welcomed the group to the meeting. Apologies were received as above. A revised agenda was circulated to the group to accommodate changes made in lieu of the cancelled second day of the meeting. The minutes of the 3rd GDG meeting were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

There were no new interests declared by those present at the meeting. It was agreed that no interests declared at the meeting or previously warranted exclusion of any GDG members from discussions of evidence or formulation of recommendations. Declarations are kept on record at the NCC-WCH and will be published in the full guideline.

10:05am – CK arrived at the meeting.

10:05am – RU left the meeting

10:10am – SK arrived at the meeting.

10:20am – IM arrived at the meeting.

2. The group discussed the revised draft narratives for the following clinical questions: Fluids for meningitis; Fluids for meningococcal septicaemia; Corticosteroids for meningococcal septicaemia; Corticosteroids for meningitis; Pre-hospital antibiotics; Adjunctive therapies; and Empiric antibiotics in secondary care. The GDG interpretations and draft recommendations were modified where appropriate.

8. The group discussed the evidence for the clinical question relating to what antibiotic regimen (type and duration) should be used to treat children with confirmed meningococcal septicaemia and confirmed bacterial meningitis. The narrative and draft recommendations were modified where appropriate.

1:20pm – CK and ChK left the meeting.
1:45pm - RU and DW arrived at the meeting.

4. This item was moved up the revised agenda to ensure the group would have plenty of time to review and discuss the evidence for the clinical question regarding the use of severity scoring systems. The group discussed the evidence and the draft recommendations were modified where appropriate.

3. The group discussed the evidence for the clinical question regarding the indications for intubation and mechanical ventilation. The narrative and draft recommendations were modified where appropriate.

4:00pm – AT left the meeting.
4:05pm – PM left the meeting.

6. Under any other business, the GDG were reminded of the clinical questions to be covered at the October meeting.

AP thanked the participants for attending and closed the meeting.

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Signed:..... Date:.....
Dr Jay Banerjee, Clinical Co-director, NCC-WCH

Signed:..... Date:.....
Dr Andrew Pollard, Meningitis in Children GDG Chair