

**Confirmed 5th Meningitis in Children Guideline Development Group (GDG) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 14th October 2008, at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (10am – 4pm)**

Present:	Andrew Pollard (AP)	(Chair)
	Paul Heath (PH)	Paediatric Infectious Diseases - Neonates
	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
	Linda Glennie (LG)	Patient/Carer Representative
	Mathew Thompson (MT)	General Practitioner
	Ian Maconochie (IM)	Paediatric Emergency Medicine
	Martin Richardson (MR)	General Paediatrician
	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
Invited:	David Turner (DT)	External Advisor - Clinical Microbiologist
Apologies:	Simon Kroll (SK)	Paediatric Infectious Diseases – Children
	Caroline Haines (CH)	Hospital Children's Nurse
	Philip Monk (PM)	Public Health Medicine
	Shannon Amoils (SA)	Research Fellow, NCC-WCH
	Danielle Worster (DW)	Information Scientist, NCC-WCH
	Caroline Keir (CK)	National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) Guidelines Commissioning Manager
	Moira Mugglestone (MM)	Interim Executive Director, NCC-WCH

1. AP welcomed the group to the meeting. Apologies were received as above. AP explained to the group that there had been some alterations made to the agenda, specifically the addition of finalising the draft interpretations and recommendations for the intubation and scoring systems topics. The health economics item was deferred to a future meeting to accommodate this change. The minutes of the 4th GDG meeting were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

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.

9. This item was moved up on the agenda due to IM (the topic lead for the intubation question) needing to leave the meeting before lunch. The group discussed the draft interpretation and draft recommendations for the intubation clinical question, and these were modified where appropriate.

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The group then discussed and suggested modifications to the draft interpretation and draft recommendations for the scoring systems clinical question. These were modified where appropriate

Break for tea/coffee

4. The group discussed and suggested modifications to the draft recommendations and interpretation for the Fluids for meningococcal septicaemia topic. The interpretation and draft recommendations were modified where appropriate.

8. The group discussed the evidence for the lumbar puncture contraindications clinical question. The narrative and draft recommendations were modified where appropriate.

12:40pm – IM left the meeting.

7. The group discussed the evidence for the repeat lumbar puncture in neonates clinical question. The narrative and draft recommendations were modified where appropriate.

Lunch

5. The group discussed and suggested modifications to the draft recommendations and interpretation for the pre-hospital antibiotics topic. The interpretation and draft recommendations were modified where appropriate.

3. The group discussed and suggested modifications to the draft recommendations and interpretation for the empiric antibiotics topic. The interpretation and draft recommendations were modified where appropriate.

2. The group discussed the latest version of the draft recommendations for the antibiotics for confirmed disease topic. The interpretation and draft recommendations were modified where appropriate.

10. AP reminded the GDG of the future meeting dates and the clinical questions to be covered at the remaining meetings.

Break for tea/coffee – PJ left the meeting.

6. The group reworded the clinical question 3 (non-specific laboratory tests) & Question 20 (brain imaging), in order to focus the searches on more clinically relevant areas.

11. Under any other business, the GDG agreed not to review the clinical question on rapid antigen testing because HPA guidance no longer recommends this test. There was no other business.

AP thanked the participants for attending and closed the meeting.

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

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