

**Confirmed 6th Meningitis in Children Guideline Development Group (GDG) NICE Minutes
Tuesday 9th December 2008, at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists**

Present:	Andrew Pollard (AP)	(Chair)
	Philip Monk (PM)	Public Health Medicine
	Caroline Haines (CH)	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
	Simon Kroll (SK)	Paediatric Infectious Diseases – Children
	Paul Heath (PH)	Paediatric Infectious Diseases - Neonates
	Shannon Amoils (SA)	Research Fellow, NCC-WCH
	Jay Banerjee (JB)	Clinical Co-director in Child Health, NCC-WCH
	Maria Peila (MP)	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:	Martin Richardson (MR)	General Paediatrician
	Ian Maconochie (IM)	Paediatric Emergency Medicine
	Sheila McQueen (SM)	Hospital Children's Nurse
	Danielle Worster (DW)	Information Scientist, NCC-WCH
	Caroline Keir (CK)	National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) Guidelines Commissioning Manager

1. Meeting called to order at 10.00am

Apologies were received from SM, DW and CK. MR, and IM were not present. The Chair explained to the group that there had been some alterations made to the agenda, specifically the health economics presentation would be moved forward from the Wednesday meeting slot. The minutes of the 5th 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.

2. IV FLUIDS and INOTROPES

The evidence for IV fluids and inotropes was presented. The group discussed the evidence and drafted recommendations.

3. CT SCANS

The evidence on CT scans was presented. The group discussed the evidence and drafted recommendations.

4. Break

5. SKIN SCRAPINGS AND BIOPSIES

The evidence on Skin Scrapings and Biopsies was presented. The group discussed the evidence and drafted recommendations.

The clinical evidence on PCR was then presented. The group discussed the evidence.

6. Lunch

7. HEALTH ECONOMICS

A presentation was given on the health economic model for PCR. The group then discussed the model.

8. SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

The evidence on signs and symptoms of meningococcal septicemia was presented. The group discussed the evidence and drafted recommendations

9. Break

The Antibiotics Cost Model was presented to the GDG by the Health Economist.

10. ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY

The evidence on antibiotic therapy was presented and discussed. Following this, a presentation was given on the health economic model for antibiotics. The group then reviewed the recommendations

11. STERIODS

The evidence on corticosteroids for bacterial meningitis was presented. The group discussed the evidence and drafted recommendations

12. REVIEW OF PREVIOUSLY DRAFTED RECOMMENDATIONS

The GDG reviewed the recommendations that they had previously drafted for the lumbar puncture (LP), severity score and intubation sections. Amendments were made to these recommendations

13. AOB

The Chair reminded the group of the next meeting in February. Decisions on the workload assignments followed.

The meeting adjourned at 17:30 pm.

Because all business was covered in day 1 of GDG 6, day 2 was cancelled.

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

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