

**NATIONAL CLINICAL GUIDELINE CENTRE (NCGC) formerly  
National Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Supportive Care (NCC-NSC)**

**NICE clinical guideline – The management of transient loss of consciousness**

**Notes of the 7th and 8th Guideline Development Group Meetings  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009, commencing at 10.00 a.m.,  
RCN, Cavendish Sq, London**

**PRESENT:**

Paul Cooper (Chair,PC)	Neurologist, Salford Royal Hospital
Robin Beal (RB)	Clinical Director, St Mary's Hospital – Emergency Department
Mary Braine (MB)	Lecturer, School of Nursing, University of Salford
Ian Bullock (IB)	Director, NCGC (day 1 only)
Sarah Davis (SD)	Senior Health Economist, NCGC
Melesina Goodwin (MG)	Epilepsy Specialist Nurse, Northampton General Hospital
Richard Grünewald (RG)	Neurologist, Royal Hallamshire Hospital
Paddy Jelen (PJ)	Patient/Carer Representative
John Pawelec (JP)	Paramedic Clinical Tutor, Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust
Sanjiv Petkar (SP)	Clinical Research Fellow, Manchester Heart Centre
Alison Pottle (AP)	Cardiology Nurse Consultant, Harefield Hospital (Day 2 only)
Greg Rogers (GR)	General Practitioner (Day 1 only)
Garry Swann (GS)	Consultant Nurse, Birmingham Heartlands Hospital
Maggie Westby (MW)	Senior Research & Development Fellow, NCGC
Julie Fear (JF)	Patient/Carer Representative, Syncope Trust & Anoxic Reflex Seizures (STARS)

**APOLOGIES:**

Sue Latchem (SL)	NICE Commissioning Manager
David Pitcher (DP)	Cardiologist, Worcester NHS Trust

**1. Welcome, introduction and apologies**

Paul Cooper welcomed members in attendance.

**2. Minutes, declarations of interest (DoI) and matters arising**

**Minutes:**

PC reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Asking if GDG members had any issues of accuracy or need for correction. One typo was corrected and the minutes were signed-off.

**Matters arising:**

**Changes to current declarations:**

Five members made new declarations and PC asked that they update their DOI forms accordingly.

**Action Points:**

NCGC with GDG member to update

**3. Initial assessment of the patient presenting with TLoC (Incorporating clinical decision tools).**

MW presented the full evidence reviews relating to the initial assessment of diagnosis and prognosis (clinical questions 2-7) which have been updated since the December meeting. The GDG reviewed the results (see MW presentation) and clinically interpreted the findings.

### **End of day 1**

### **Day 2**

**4. Ambulatory ECG review**

MW took the GDG through the preliminary review on ambulatory ECG (all types)

**5. Economics: exploring options for modelling**

SD took the GDG through various modelling options for estimating the cost-effectiveness of diagnostic tests,

**6. Economics; HRG cost of diagnostic tests**

SD presented the HRG costs for relevant diagnostic tests

**8. Date and time of next meeting:**

Meetings 9 &10 will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of July.  
Day 1 will run from 10am till 5pm and Day 2 from 9am till 4pm.