

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

**Confirmed Minutes**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Caesarean Section update Guideline Development Group (GDG) Meeting  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists**

<b>Present:</b>	Malcolm Griffiths (MG)	Consultant obstetrician (chair)
	Andrew Loughney (AL)	Consultant obstetrician
	Christine Johnson (CJ)	Lay member
	Debbie Chippington Derrick (DCD)	Lay member
	Nina Khazaezadeh (NK)	Consultant midwife
	Nuala Lucas (NL)	Consultant anaesthetist
	Olujimi Jibodu (OJ)	Consultant obstetrician
	Pippa Nightingale (PN)	Consultant midwife
<b>NCC-WCH:</b>	David James (DJ)	Clinical Co-director
	Maryam Gholitabar (MGh)	Research assistant
	Paul Jacklin (PJ)	Senior health economist
	Roz Ullman (RU)	Senior research fellow
	Rupert Franklin (RF)	Project manager
	Zosia Beckles (ZB)	Information scientist
<b>NICE:</b>	Ben Doak (BD)	Guidelines commissioning manager
	Ron Keren (RK) (until item 9)	Observer
	Erin Wittingham (EW)	Observer
	Kirsty Maclean Steel (KMS) (for item 9)	Audit programme manager
	Wendy Jarrett (WJ) (for item 9)	Communications lead
<b>In attendance:</b>	Maria Bastos (until item 6)	Research assistant (NCC-WCH)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jeannie Medd (JM)	Commissioning manager

## Day 1

### **1. Welcome, introductions, apologies, declarations of interest, minutes**

MG welcomed the group to the meeting. RK, EW and MB were introduced to the group. RK and EW were observers from NICE and MB was an observer from the NCC-WCH.

Apologies were received from JM.

NL declared a new interest – she has recently co-authored a textbook on obstetric high dependency care. It was agreed that as the textbook did not cover any of the topics under consideration by the GDG, no further action was required.

The group reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Following one change, it was agreed that they were an accurate account of the meeting.

### **2. Diagnostic accuracy of imaging techniques for morbidly adherent placenta (MAP) – review of evidence**

MGh gave a presentation about how to understand diagnostic studies and the meaning of the terms used. Following this she then presented the evidence for the review of diagnostic accuracy of imaging techniques for MAP.

### **Diagnostic accuracy of imaging techniques for MAP – discussion of evidence**

The group discussed the evidence for this question and highlighted points to be included in the interpretation of evidence. It was agreed to draft the recommendations following the presentation of the evidence from the other review

## Break

### **4. Improved outcomes from diagnosis of MAP – review of evidence**

MGh presented the evidence for the review of improved outcomes from a diagnosis of MAP

### **5. Improved outcomes from diagnosis of MAP – discussion of evidence**

The group discussed the evidence for this question and highlighted points to be included in the interpretation of evidence.

### **6. Drafting recommendations**

The group drafted recommendations for each of the topics which had been discussed

## Lunch

### **7. Vaginal birth after caesarean section (VBAC) – presentation of additional studies**

As MG had written one of the studies which had been added to the review, DJ chaired the meeting at this stage. It was agreed that MG would not contribute to the discussion and would only answer specific questions about the study. RU presented the findings from the additional studies for this review.

### **8. VBAC – discussion of additional studies**

The group discussed the findings of the additional studies. Following this discussion, MG resumed his duties as chair.

**9. NICE teams – Implementation, costing, editorial and communications**

KMS and WJ gave a presentation about the work done by the different NICE teams

**Break**

**10. Maternal request & risks and benefits table – revisiting recommendations**

RU presented the revised risks and benefits table. The group discussed this table and suggested amendments

**11. Timing of caesarean section for twin pregnancies**

DJ highlighted to the group that another GDG are currently updating recommendations on the management of twin pregnancies and that this may impact on the recommendations contained in the caesarean section guideline. It was agreed to keep this issue under review.

**12. Any other business**

RF reminded the group of the date for the next meeting. MG thanked the group for their contributions and closed the meeting.

**Close**

Signed:.....Date:.....

David James, Clinical Co-director, NCC-WCH

Signed:.....Date.....

Malcolm Griffiths, GDG Chair for Caesarean Section (update).