

National Clinical Guideline Centre for Acute and Chronic Conditions



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NICE: The Epilepsies Guideline Guideline Development Group (GDG) Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: 14th July 2009

Place: National Clinical Guidelines Centre for Acute and Chronic Conditions

Present: **GDG members**
Chairman: Dr Nick Kosky

In attendance: Professor Helen Cross
Mrs Tracey Truscott
Mrs Diane Flower
Professor John Duncan
Dr Margaret Jackson
Dr Richard Appleton
Dr Greg Rogers
Mr Sean Mackey
Mrs Sally Gomersall
Dr Amanda Freeman

NCC Staff:	Dr. Jennifer Hill (pm only) Dr Norma O'Flynn (am only) Ms Julie Neilson Ms Vanessa Nunes Ms Katrina Sparrow Ms Laura Sawyer	
Apologies:	Mr Michael Harnor Ms Sarah Willett	

Declarations of Interest

Margaret Jackson: UCB are going to sponsor a regional epilepsy meeting on Sept 18th for Newcastle/Middlesbrough. However, she does not know the level of sponsorship yet – it will involve train fares for a visiting speaker and food/hire of room.

Greg Rogers: appointment to Panel B of the Guideline Review Panel for NICE.

TIME	TOPIC
9.30	Coffee available
10.00	<p>Introduction, welcome and meeting objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chairman introduced the GDG to the 2nd GDG meeting and gave people's apologies to the meeting. • The chairman gave an overview of agenda for the day • The chairman ran through the minutes from the last meeting with the GDG. The GDG considered the minutes a truthful account of the first meeting.
10.15	<p>Overview of the search strategy for The Epilepsies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Joanna Ashe delivered a presentation to illustrate the search strategy for the guideline
10.30	<p>Key Clinical Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Vanessa Nunes presented the revisions made to the clinical questions document after 1st GDG meeting. The GDG were content with the changes.
11.00	<p>Evidence reviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Julie Neilson gave an overview of the methodology for the evidence reviews • The GDG agreed that as Dr Richard Appleton was the lead author for one of the papers being discussed he would act as an expert on this discussion • Ms Julie Neilson presented the evidence review on what is the clinical and cost effectiveness of AEDs in the treatment of Infantile Spasms • Dr Nick Kosky chaired the agreement of evidence statements and the development of draft recommendations
13.00	Lunch
13.30	<p>Evidence reviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Julie Neilson presented the evidence review on what is the clinical and cost effectiveness of AEDs in the treatment of Infantile Spasms (continuation) • Ms Julie Neilson presented the evidence review on what is the clinical and cost effectiveness of AEDs in the treatment of The Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome • Dr Nick Kosky chaired the agreement of evidence statements and the development of draft recommendations • Dr Nick Kosky summarised the main points to revise in the evidence reviews. The revised evidence reviews are to be placed on Claromentis Forum for further comments.
15.15	<p>Health Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to lack of time Ms Laura Sawyer did not deliver a full presentation for the health economics

	work in progress for The Epilepsies guideline, however the main points were discussed with the group
15.45	<i>The Chairman finalised the meeting with a summary of the next meeting topics, the meeting date, and any other business</i>
16.00	<i>Close</i>