

# 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:** *6<sup>th</sup> November 2009*

**Place:** National Clinical Guidelines Centre for Acute and Chronic Conditions

**Present:** **GDG members**  
Chair: Dr Nick Kosky (apologies)

**In attendance:** Professor Helen Cross  
Mrs Diane Flower  
Dr Margaret Jackson  
Dr Greg Rogers  
Mr Sean Mackey  
Mrs Sally Gomersall  
Dr Amanda Freeman  
Mr Michael Harnor  
Dr Richard Appleton

<b>NCC Staff:</b>	Dr. Jennifer Hill Ms Julie Neilson Ms Vanessa Nunes Ms Laura Sawyer	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Ms Sarah Willett Professor John Duncan Dr Nick Kosky Mrs Tracey Truscott	

**Declarations of Interest**

**Helen Cross:** Conducted educational lectures for Neutricia (Sept 09, Florence and a webinar) and UCB (Leuven) October 2009. Honorarium paid to my department (Neurosciences Unit UCL-ICH). A co-author of one of the Ketogenic Diet studies.

**Margaret Jackson:** Will be giving a presentation on the 12th November 2009 on neurodevelopment and epilepsy to SpRs funded by Esai, with the honorarium going to the research fund. Also will be attending a UCB sponsored meeting in Hampshire later in November.

**Richard Appleton:** Recent advice and consultations (as yet unpaid) provided to a new pharmaceutical company (Mitovie) regarding the introduction of a new formulation of emergency medication to treat tonic clonic seizures including convulsive status epilepticus. These consultations will continue and in 2010 are likely to be more formally based with advisory or consultancy fees.

TIME	TOPIC
10.00	<p><b><i>Introduction, welcome and meeting objectives</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As Dr Nick Kosky was on sick leave, Professor Helen Cross took over as chair of the GDG meeting, with the GDG's agreement.</li> <li>The chair welcomed the GDG to the 5<sup>th</sup> GDG meeting and gave people's apologies .</li> <li>The chair gave an overview of the agenda for the day</li> <li>The chair ran through the minutes from the last meeting with the GDG. The GDG considered the minutes a truthful account of the meeting.</li> </ul>
10.15	<p><b><i>Health Economics Plan-revisions</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Laura Sawyer presented to the GDG the revisions to the draft health economics plan for the guideline.</li> </ul>
10.30	<p><b><i>Update on the SANAD unpublished data</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Vanessa Nunes gave an overview to the GDG on how the SANAD unpublished data would be used in the guideline.</li> </ul>
10.40	<p><b><i>Evidence reviews</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Julie Neilson presented the evidence review on the clinical and cost effectiveness of AEDs in the treatment of : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Idiopathic Generalised Epilepsy</li> <li>-Absence Seizures</li> <li>-Myoclonic Seizures</li> </ul> </li> <li>The chair led the discussion with a view to agree: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-evidence statements</li> <li>-the development of draft recommendations</li> <li>-Updating the tables from the original guideline for Drug Options by Seizure type and Epilepsy Syndrome (Appendix B)</li> </ul> </li> <li>The GDG agreed to revisit the evidence review on absence seizures, once the large trial mentioned by the GDG would be published in the forthcoming months.</li> </ul>
13.00	<p><b><i>Lunch</i></b></p>

13.30	<p><b>Evidence reviews (continuation)</b></p> <p>-Ketogenic Diet</p> <p>As Professor Helen Cross was one of the co-authors of one of the studies discussed in this evidence review, Dr Jennifer Hill resumed as chair for this topic. Professor Helen Cross acted as an expert and not as a GDG member for the discussion of this topic.</p> <p>Dr Richard Appleton left at 14.45</p> <p>The chair led the discussion with a view to agree:</p> <p>-evidence statements</p> <p>It was decided that as Dr Richard Appleton was not present and due to the lack of expert advice on paediatric neurology, the development of recommendations would have to be discussed in a future GDG meeting (either March or April 2010)</p>
15.30	<p><b>Side effects- additional information from BNF and BNF-C</b></p> <p>Ms Vanessa Nunes went through the proposed alternative to present additional side-effect data to the retrieved data in the RCT evidence.</p>
15.45	<p><b>Summary of next steps, meeting dates, and any other business</b></p> <p><b>Next Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> December 2010</b></p>
16.00	<p><b>Close</b></p>