

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

4th Feverish Illness in Children Guideline Development Group Meeting 26th April 2012, 10am – 4.00pm at RCOG

Present:

Richard Bowker (RB)	Consultant Paediatrician
John Crimmins (JC)	General Practitioner
Penny McDougall (PMD)	Nurse
Debra Quantrill (DQ)	Lay member
Martin Richardson (MR)	Chair
Andrew Riordan (AR)	Paediatric infectious diseases expert
Damian Roland (DR)	Emergency medicine expert
Ed Pursell (EP)	Nurse

NCC staff:

Jiri Chard (JAC)	Senior Research Fellow
Hannah Rose Douglas (HRD)	Senior Health Economist (afternoon only)
Ella Fields (EF)	Research Fellow
Stephen Murphy (SM)	Clinical Co-Director (Children's Health)
Nitara Prasannan (NP)	Research Assistant
Cristina Visintin (CV)	Project Manager

In attendance:

Ben Doak (BD)	Guideline Commissioning Manager, NICE
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Apologies:

Leah Bowen (LB)	Lay member
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1. Welcome, housekeeping, introductions and apologies

MR welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MR asked the group for any new declarations of interest. No new declarations of interest were received from the GDG members. It was agreed that no existing declared interests warranted exclusion of any GDG members from discussions of evidence or formulation of recommendations being discussed at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with minor corrections as an accurate record of that meeting.

MR briefed the group on the objectives of the current meeting.

2. Predictive value of symptoms and signs, alone or in combination, as initial indications of serious illness

EP joined the meeting

EF and DR presented the evidence for the predictive value of symptoms and signs, alone or in combination, as initial indications of serious illness. EF explained that for this meeting this would focus on the symptoms and signs, alone or in combination suggested by the GDG as possible new additions to the Traffic Lights system. During the presentations the group had an opportunity to ask questions.

Break

EF and DR continued the presentation of the evidence for the predictive value of symptoms and signs, alone or in combination, as initial indications of serious illness (new symptoms and signs). The GDG drafted recommendations in relation to the signs and symptoms included in the 2007 traffic light system.

BD joined the meeting

Lunch break

HRD joined the meeting

DR left the meeting

MR presented the Hewson paper for discussion and the GDG updated the Traffic Lights system after this discussion.

MR recapped Height of fever and the GDG further discussed its position in the Traffic Lights system

Break

JAC left the meeting

RB and CV presenting evidence for the predictive value of heart rate alone and in conjunction with temperature (Q2 and Q6). The GDG examined the evidence and asked the NCC-WCH technical team to add 2 further studies.

3. Any other business

There was no other business. MR thanked the participants for attending and closed the meeting. The next meeting will be held on 28th June 2012 at the RCOG.

Signed:..... Date:.....
Martin Richardson, GDG Chair

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Stephen Murphy, Clinical Co-Director (Children's Health)