

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

**5th Feverish Illness in Children Guideline Development Group Meeting
28th June 2012, 10am – 4.00pm at RCOG**

Present:

Richard Bowker (RB)	Consultant Paediatrician
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
Leah Bowen (LB)	Lay member

NCC staff:

Jiri Chard (JAC)	Senior Research Fellow
Hannah Rose Douglas (HRD)	Senior Health Economist (afternoon only)
Ella Fields (EF)	Research Fellow
Cristina Visintin (CV)	Project Manager

Apologies:

John Crimmins (JC)	General Practitioner
Stephen Murphy (SM)	Clinical Co-Director (Children's Health)
Ben Doak (BD)	Guideline Commissioning Manager, NICE

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 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: rigor/chills

EF presented the evidence for the predictive value for rigor/chills as initial indications of serious illness. During the presentations the group had an opportunity to ask questions. The GDG drafted recommendations including rigors in the update version of the traffic light system.

3. Predictive value of heart rate

JAC presented the evidence from two new papers included after the 4th GDG meeting for the review examining the predictive value of heart rate alone and in conjunction with temperature (Q2 and Q6). The GDG examined the new evidence and asked the NCC-WCH to seek further information from the authors of two papers included in the review. The GDG drafted recommendations including tachycardia in the updated version of the traffic light system.

4. Updated traffic light system

EF presented the updated traffic light system and compared it with the 2007 Traffic Lights system. During the presentations the group had an opportunity to ask questions, after a discussion the GDG made the final amendments to the Traffic Lights system and drafted recommendations in relation to the predictive value of symptoms and signs.

Lunch break

HRD joined the meeting

5. Effect of antipyretics

DR left the meeting

ACJ presented the evidence for the antipyretic effect on outcome, antipyretic as predictive and which antipyretic regimen to use. Based on the evidence presented and discussion the GDG drafted recommendations in relation to the effect of antipyretics which will be finalised at the 6th GDG meeting.

6. 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 12th July 2012 at the RCOG.

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

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