



NICE: Medicines Concordance Guideline
Guideline Development Group (GDG) Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: 26th and 27th February 2008

Place: Warren Suite, Royal College of Practitioners.

Present: **GDG members**
Chair: Dr Henry Smithson (HS)

Dr Mahendra Patel, Dr Wendy Clyne, Mr Shaun Johnson, Dr Sean Kelly, Mr Steven Hemingway, Dr Jonathan Steel, Dr John Benson, Prof Robert Horne, Mrs Bunis Packham, Mrs Alison Bowser, Dr Peter Haddad, Mr Jim Blair, Prof Peter Crome.

In attendance:

NCC Staff:	Dr. Norma O’Flynn Ms Vanessa Nunes Ms Julie Neilson	
NICE Staff: (only day 2)	Ms. Sarita Tamber Ms. Joana Cargill Ms. Anne Louise Clayton	

Observers:

	Ms Sarah Willett, NICE	
Apologies:		
	Dr. Francoise Cluzeau, NICE Ms Stefanie Kuntze NCC Mr. Shaun Johnson on day 1	

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Jonathan Steel is now Clinical Associate for Price Waterhouse Coopers working for NHS London on the workforce issues in the shift of specialist care out of hospital and diagnostic services in the community

Rob Horne is collaborating on an adherence study funded by Gilead sciences. His institution has been given £30.000 grant.

Peter Crome received an invitation to speak at the Brazilian Congress on Gerontology on a) Frailty and b) Appropriate Prescribing. Travel, subsistence and an honorarium provided by Novartis Brazil

Henry Smithson attended a European advisory group on two sessions; one on medicines compliance -led by an American Professor and the second session which was led by Henry, which was related to guidelines implementation. This was following on from his work with NICE Epilepsies guidelines and not medicines concordance. An honorarium was paid.

Peter Haddad declared interests for: 1) Lecture fees for lecture on antipsychotic side-effects (Bristol-Myers-Squibb). 2) Fees for consultancy (Eli Lilly regarding antipsychotics and; Servier regarding antidepressants).

Wendy Clyne has been commissioned to train community pharmacists in concordance consultation skills for a project funded by Astrazeneca; commissioned by e-learning for health to develop film clips of concordance consultation skills, and to produce medication resources for the National Prescribing Centre

Introduction, welcome and meeting objectives

- The Chair introduced the GDG to the two day meeting

Care Pathway and Shared Decision-making

- Ms. Vanessa Nunes gave a brief run through of the care pathway
- Ms. Julie Neilson presented:
- Evidence review on which tools are available to help practitioner elicit patients beliefs about medicines and information needs and reach an informed decision
 - Evidence review on what aspects of consultation style increase patient involvement in decision-making

 - Evidence review on how practitioners elicit patients preferences for involvement in decisions about medicines
 - Evidence review- do interventions to increase patient involvement increase length of the consultation

Medicine taking

- Discussion regarding barriers to medicine taking
- Evidence statements were agreed and draft recommendations discussed

Prof. Rob Horne declared a conflict of interest related to the topic. In this occasion Prof. Rob Horne did not leave the room, as this interest did not bias the discussion.

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- Dr. Norma O'Flynn gave an overview of the different versions of guidelines produced – in particular 'NICE' and Full guidelines
 - Dr. Henry Smithson briefed the GDG on the plan for the following day.

Day 2

Meeting objectives

- Dr. Henry Smithson gave an overview of that days agenda, asked for new apologies and declarations of interest and led discussion on reflections from the first day

Recommendations and NICE guideline

- Dr. Norma O'Flynn and Ms Vanessa Nunes delivered a presentation of the recommendations so far and structure of NICE guideline
- Further draft recommendations were discussed

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NICE implementation support for Medicines Concordance

- Ms. Sarita Tamber, Ms. Joana Cargill and Ms. Anne Louise Clayton conducted a presentation on several aspects regarding the implementation, costing tools and launch of the guideline.

Outstanding questions

- Dr. Norma O'Flynn led discussion of next steps regarding future work and view of the GDG regarding the outstanding questions. Content for other sections of the guideline was also discussed.

Summary of next steps, meeting dates, and any other business

Next meeting: 9th April, RCGP
