Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Guideline Committee – development

Date: 05/10/2017 – 06/10/2017

Location: NICE offices, Manchester

Minutes: Final



Committee members present:		
	Day 1	Day 2
Andrew Bradbury (AB) – Chair	Present for all	Present for all
Alun Huw Davies (AD)	Present until partway through item 5	Apologies
Jugdeep Dhesi (JD)	Apologies	Present from partway through item 1a
Chris Hammond (CH)	Present for all	Present for all
Karen Jellett (KJ)	Present for all	Present for items 1-2
Jaqui Lindridge (JL)	Present for all	Present for all
Adam Pichel (AP)	Present for all	Present from item 2
Tamsin Ribbons (TR)	Apologies	Present until partway through item 4
Les Ruffell (LR)	Present for all	Present for all
Sammer Tang (ST)	Present for all	Present for all
Hazel Trender (HT)	Present for all	Present for all
Noel Wilson (NW)	Present for all	Present for all

In attendance:		
	Day 1	Day 2
James Hall (JH)	Present from item 3	Apologies
Senior Medical Editor		-
Ben Johnson (BJ)	Apologies	Present from item 4
Senior Analyst – HE		
Justine Karpusheff (JK)	Present for all	Present for all
Guidelines Commissioning Manager		
Caroline Mulvihill (CM)	Present for all	Present for all
Technical Adviser		
Adam O'Keefe (AO)	Present for all	Present for all
Project Manager		
Joshua Pink (JP)	Apologies	Present from item 4
Technical Adviser		
Jeffrey Tabiri-Essuman (JT)	Present for all	Present for all
Technical Analyst		

Sue Spiers (SS) Associate Director	Present for all	Present for all
Adam Storrow (AS) Business Analyst	Present until partway through item 5	Apologies

Expert witness (Day	1 only):	
Jonothan Earnshaw	National AAA screening Programme	Present until lunch on day 1

Apologies:	
Ivan Benett – Committee member	
Matthew Slater - Committee member	
Alan Huw Smith – Committee member	
Jamie Elvidge – NICE Senior Technical Analyst (HE)	
Sarah Glover – NICE Information Specialist	
Lisa Stone – NICE Medicines Advisor	

Day 1 Thursday 5 October 2017:

1. Welcome, apologies, minutes of the last meeting, declarations of interest

Welcome

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to day one of the twelfth meeting of the abdominal aortic aneurysm guideline committee. The Chair welcomed Hazel Trender (Vascular Nurse) to the group and advised the Committee of the successful recruitment of a Radiographer – Mark Hampshire will join the group from the next meeting.

Apologies

Apologies for the meeting were received as detailed above.

Objectives

The Chair outlined the main objectives of the day, which included expert testimony provided by Jonothan Earnshaw from the National AAA Screening Programme (NAAASP), consideration of recommendations drafted to date in light of JE's testimony, and the presentation of the evidence review for review question 1

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the previous meeting.

Declarations of interest

Each committee member was asked to declare any new conflicts since the previous meeting – there were no new conflicts declared.

The Chair confirmed that, having reviewed the historical declaration of interests table that the committee members present were eligible to attend the committee meeting and contribute to the discussions and drafting of any recommendations.

2. Expert witness testimony – Jonothan Earnshaw, National AAA Screening Programme (NAAASP)

Professor Earnshaw provided expert testimony from the National AAA Screening Programme for the consideration of the committee. Committee members were then given the opportunity to ask Prof Earnshaw questions related to his testimony.

3. Editorial presentation

JH provided a brief update on changes to the format of the guideline, explaining that the guideline will be presented in a different way than NICE presents it's guidelines at present. JH also provided further information and advice on new sections within the evidence review document, on clear writing and on writing recommendations.

4. Review of recommendations in light of NAAASP testimony

The committee discussed recommendations drafted to date in light of the expert testimony provided by Prof Earnshaw and edited these as required.

5. Review Question 1: Which signs, symptoms and risk factors (or combinations of these) are most accurate in predicting the presence of an abdominal aortic aneurysm? What is the effectiveness of available risk assessment tools?

JT recapped the search protocol and presented the evidence supporting Review Question 1 for the committee's consideration. No economic evidence had been identified for this question.

The committee considered the evidence presented but due to time constraints agreed to draft recommendations for this question on day 2.

6. Next steps

The Chair thanked the committee for their input and confirmed day 2 would commence at 10am.

Day 2 Friday 6 October 2017:

1. Welcome, apologies, minutes of the last meeting, declarations of interest

Introduction

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to day two of the twelfth meeting of the abdominal aortic aneurysm guideline committee.

Apologies

Apologies for the meeting were received as detailed above.

Objectives

The Chair outlined the main objectives of the day, which included the presentation of evidence reviews for review questions 14, 16 and 26 and an update on the Health Economic Model.

1a. Review Question 1 continued

JT recapped the evidence on review question 1 for the benefit of the committee. The committee discussed the evidence and drafted three recommendations.

2. Review Question 16: Which signs, symptoms, risk factors (or combinations of these) and prognostic risk assessment tools are most accurate in indicating a patient's suitability for transfer?

JT informed the committee that no relevant evidence had been identified and provided an explanation for the reasons studies had been excluded. No relevant health economic evidence had been identified.

The committee acknowledged the lack of evidence in this area but discussed their own current clinical practice and drafted three recommendations based on their experience and expertise.

3. Review Question 14: Is goal-directed therapy effective during the surgical repair of an unruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm?

Review Question 26: Is goal-directed therapy effective during the surgical repair of a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm?

Deferred to a future meeting due to time constraints

4. Update on Health Economic model

JP and BJ discussed developments with the health economic model being constructed with the committee and checked with it that some of the assumptions made were reasonable.

5. Next steps

The Chair thanked the committee for their time and contribution to Day 2. The venue, date and time of the next meeting was confirmed:

Date of next meeting: Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 November 2017.

Location of next meeting: NICE offices, Manchester.