

Advanced breast cancer: diagnosis and management (Partial update)

Date: 04/04/2025

Location: Virtual

Minutes: FINAL

Committee members present:

Adam Firth	Chair	Present for notes 1 - 8
Karen Lockwood	Lay member	Present for notes 1 - 8
Simon Lowes	Radiologist	Present for notes 1 - 8
Madeleine Meynell	Lay member	Present for notes 1 - 8
Tim Robinson	Medical oncologist	Present for notes 1 - 8
Clare Sacco	Lay member	Present for notes 1 - 8
Elinor Sawyer	Clinical oncologist	Present for notes 1 - 8
Ben Thwaites	Pharmacist	Present for notes 1 - 8

In attendance:

Adefisayo Abba-Abba	Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 - 8
Sarah Boyce	Senior Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 - 8
Sara Buckner	Senior Topic Adviser	Present for notes 1 - 8
Sarah Case-Scott	Public Involvement Adviser	Present for notes 1 - 8
Olivia Crane	Senior Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 - 8
Gareth Haman	Senior Guidance Content Designer	Present for notes 1 - 8
James Hawkins	Health Economics Adviser	Present for notes 1 - 8
Tzujung Lai	Health Economist	Present for notes 1 - 8
Adam O'Keefe	Project Manager	Present for notes 1 - 8
Ellie Zachariades (Observing)	Senior Guidance Content Designer	Present for notes 1 - 8

Apologies:

Ramsey Cutress	Topic Adviser
Mark Davies	Medical oncologist
Milly Finch	Pharmacist
Caroline Tweedie	Clinical Nurse Specialist
Victoria Carter	Implementation Support Manager, NICE
Marie Harrisingh	Topic Lead, NICE

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Andrea Heath	Senior Information Specialist, NICE
Yolanda Martinez	Technical Analyst, NICE
Katherine Saxby	Medicines Adviser, NICE

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

The Chair welcomed the committee members and NICE attendees to the first committee meeting for the partial update to the NICE Advanced breast cancer: diagnosis and management guideline.

The Chair informed the Committee that apologies had been received. These are noted above.

2. Declarations of interest

The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matter under discussion was Advanced breast cancer.

The Chair asked committee members to verbally declare any new interests, no new interests were declared.

3. Meeting Aims

The Chair introduced Olivia Crane (OC), Senior Technical Analyst, who outlined the objectives of the meeting. OC then provided an explanation of methods used for the evidence reviews and invited any questions from the committee on the methods training previously provided.

4-5. Review protocol for platinum-containing chemotherapy

OC sought the committee's input on the draft review protocol for the planned Review Question on platinum-containing chemotherapy.

6. Incorporation of Technology Appraisals into guidelines

The Chair introduced NICE Senior Technical Analyst Sarah Boyce who outlined plans for incorporating relevant NICE Technology Appraisals into the guideline, as was done with the recent Neoadjuvant chemotherapy & OFS update to the Early and Locally Advanced Breast Cancer guideline.

7. Health economics - initial discussion

The Chair introduced NICE Health Economics Adviser, James Hawkins and Health Economist Tzujung Lai, who held an initial health economics discussion with the committee including plans for original HE modelling they may be able to carry out.

8. AOB, Summary and next steps

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<p>The Chair outlined next steps following the meeting, thanked the committee for their contributions, summarised the main actions from the day and asked for items of any other business. As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair brought the meeting to a close.</p>

Date of next meeting: 09/05/2025

Location of next meeting: Virtual