

Advanced breast cancer: diagnosis and management (Partial update)

Date: 16/07/2025

Location: Virtual

Minutes: FINAL

Committee members present:		
Adam Firth	Chair	Present for notes 1 - 10
Ramsey Cutress	Topic Adviser	Present for notes 1 - 10
Mark Davies	Medical oncologist	Present for notes 1 - 10
Milly Finch	Pharmacist	Present for notes 1 - 10
Karen Lockwood	Lay member	Present for notes 1 - 10
Madeleine Meynell	Lay member	Present for notes 1 - 10
Mitesh Naik	Radiologist	Present for notes 6 - 10
Elinor Sawyer	Clinical oncologist	Present until partway through item 6
Clare Sacco	Lay member	Present for notes 1 - 10
Ben Thwaites	Pharmacist	Present for notes 1 - 10

In attendance:		
Adefisayo Abba-Abba	Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 - 10
Danielle Conroy	Project Manager	Present for notes 1 - 10
Olivia Crane	Senior Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 - 10
Gareth Haman	Senior Guidance Content Designer	Present for notes 1 - 10
Marie Harrisingh	Topic Lead	Present for notes 1 - 10
James Hawkins	Health Economics Adviser	Present for notes 1 - 10
Tzujung Lai	Health Economist	Present for notes 1 - 10
Yolanda Martinez	Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 - 10
Katherine Saxby	Medicines Adviser	Present for notes 1 - 9

NICE observers:	
Matthew Bosworth	Technical Analyst
Ruth Melville	Senior Guidance Content Designer

Apologies:	
Simon Lowes	Radiologist
Tim Robinson	Medical oncologist
Caroline Tweedie	Clinical Nurse Specialist
Victoria Carter	Implementation Support Manager, NICE
Andrea Heath	Senior Information Specialist, NICE
Adam O’Keefe	Project Manager, NICE
Adam Storrow	Business Analyst, Resource Impact Assessment, NICE

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

The Chair welcomed the committee members and NICE attendees to the fourth 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.

The Chair and a senior member of the Developer’s team noted that no previously declared interests would prevent attendees from fully participating in the meeting.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

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

4. Finalise Review Protocols for Review Questions 2 & 3

The Chair introduced Senior Technical Analyst Olivia Crane, who sought the committee’s input on some remaining questions of these Review protocols following internal quality assurance processes, so that they may be finalised.

5. Reviewing existing research recommendations

The Chair introduced Marie Harrisingh, Topic Lead, who presented the existing research recommendations in NICE Guideline CG81 and discussed with the committee whether these were still areas of uncertainty or whether they had been answered by research and

could be stood down.
6. Health economics modelling discussion
The Chair introduced James Hawkins and Tzujung Lai, Health Economist, who updated and discussed with the committee, plans for health economic modelling to inform the guideline update.
7. Guideline structure, TA incorporation and visual summaries
Marie Harrisingh presented to the committee and sought feedback on the proposed updated structure of the guideline; discussed plans for incorporation of NICE Technology Appraisals as part of this guideline update; and discussed possible visual summaries that could support the guideline.
8. Discussion on chemotherapy section of the guideline
Marie Harrisingh led a discussion with the committee on the chemotherapy section of the guideline. The group revisited and finalised the recommendation drafted for Review Question 1.1: Platinum-containing chemotherapies and discussed and agreed the consensus recommendations for chemotherapy.
9. Review of the assembled SACT section of the guideline
Marie Harrisingh presented the assembled SACT section of the guideline and sought feedback from the committee.
10. AOB, Summary and next steps
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.

Date of next meeting: 05/09/2025

Location of next meeting: Virtual