

**Advanced Breast Cancer (Partial update) GC7 – minutes**

**Advanced breast cancer: diagnosis and management (Partial update)**

**Date:** 21/04/26

**Location:** Virtual

**Minutes:** FINAL

| <b>Committee members present:</b> |                           |   |
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| Adam Firth                        | Chair                     | Present for notes 1 - 8                       |
| Ramsey Cutress                    | Breast surgeon            | Present for notes 1 - 8                       |
| Mark Davies                       | Medical oncologist        | Present for notes 1 - 8                       |
| Milly Finch                       | Pharmacist                | Present for notes 1 - 8                       |
| Karen Lockwood                    | Lay member                | Present for notes 1 - 8                       |
| Madeleine Meynell                 | Lay member                | Present for notes 1 - 8                       |
| Mitesh Naik                       | Radiologist               | Present for notes 1 - 8                       |
| Tim Robinson                      | Medical oncologist        | Present for notes 1 - 8                       |
| Clare Sacco                       | Lay member                | Present for notes 1 - 8                       |
| William Teh                       | Radiologist               | Present for notes 1 to partway through item 6 |
| Ben Thwaites                      | Pharmacist                | Present for notes 1 - 8                       |
| Caroline Tweedie                  | Clinical Nurse Specialist | Present for notes 1 - 8                       |

| <b>In attendance:</b> |  |   |
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| Adefisayo Abba-Abba   | Technical Analyst                            | 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                 |
| Marie Harrisingh      | Topic Lead                                   | Present for notes 1 - 8                 |
| James Hawkins         | Health Economics Adviser                     | Present for notes 1 - 8                 |
| Tzujung Lai           | Health Economist                             | Present for notes 5 - 8                 |
| Adam O'Keefe          | Project Manager                              | Present for notes 1 - 8                 |
| Katherine Saxby       | Pharmacist Clinical Adviser                  | Present for notes 5 - 8                 |
| Adam Storrow          | Business Analyst, Resource Impact Assessment | Present from partway through item 6 - 8 |

| <b>Apologies:</b> |                                      |
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| Simon Lowes       | Radiologist                          |
| Elinor Sawyer     | Clinical oncologist                  |
| Victoria Carter   | Implementation Support Manager, NICE |
| Andrea Heath      | Senior Information Specialist, NICE  |

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Yolanda Martinez

Technical Analyst, NICE

### 1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

The Chair welcomed the committee members and NICE attendees to the seventh 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, the following new interests were declared:

| Name           | Declaration  | Date DOI arose | Action  |
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| Ramsey Cutress | Clinical lead for Connect-C, a project funded by NHSE Data for R&D programme which aims to create a multimodal Cancer registry.                      | Jan 2026       | Declare and participate.<br><br>Rationale: Non-specific and salaried employment in NHS.                         |
| Ramsey Cutress | Co-author: Roszkowski N, Lam SS, Copson E, Cutress RI, Oeppen R. Expanded criteria for pretreatment staging CT in breast cancer.                     | Mar 2021       | Declare and participate.<br><br>Rationale: Non-specific as study population is out of scope.                    |
| Ramsey Cutress | Co-author: Chand N, Cutress RI, Oeppen RS, Agrawal A. Staging Investigations in Breast Cancer: Collective Opinion of UK Breast Surgeons. PMC3853040. | Nov 2013       | Declare and participate.<br><br>Rationale: Non-specific as not focused on diagnostic accuracy of PET-CT or CECT |

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|                  |  |          | or outcomes when they are used for monitoring. Study design would also mean this would not be included in the evidence review. |
| Mark Davies      | Attended Pfizer Advisory board - discussed recent clinical trial results related to the management of HER2+ breast cancer  | Feb 2026 | Declare and participate.<br><br>Rationale: Non-specific  |
| Milly Finch      | Registered as a director of a limited company. The company works within the consultancy scope. Work already undertaken this year has related to non-breast cancer (urology, lung) or clinic set ups/pharmacy related scopes (drug interactions, scope of pharmacist practise). | Sep 2025 | Declare and participate.<br><br>Rationale: Non-specific  |
| Milly Finch      | Roche sponsorship to attend (flights and accommodation) ESMO breast in Berlin  | May 2025 | Declare and participate.<br><br>Rationale: Non-specific  |
| Ben Thwaites     | Paid part-time work to support the delivery of SACT related projects with RM Partners Cancer Alliance  | Nov 25   | Declare and participate.<br><br>Rationale: Salaried employment in NHS.   |
| Caroline Tweedie | Worked with Astra Zeneca as an expert cancer related fatigue - non promotional   | Mar 2026 | Declare and participate.<br><br>Rationale: Non-specific  |

The Chair and a senior member of the Developer's team noted that neither these

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interests nor any 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. Overview of post-consultation process and stakeholder responses**

The Chair introduced NICE Senior Technical Analyst Olivia Crane (OC) who outlined the aims for the day, provided an overview of the post-consultation process and summarised the stakeholder comments received during consultation on the draft guideline.

### **5. Reminder of PET-CT evidence and recommendations**

The Chair then introduced NICE Technical Analyst Adefisayo Abba-Abba (AAA) and Health Economics Adviser James Hawkins (JH), who reminded the committee of the PET-CT evidence and the draft recommendations consulted on in preparation for revisiting them considering stakeholder feedback.

### **6. Discussion of PET-CT stakeholder comments**

AAA, OC and NICE Topic Lead Marie Harrisingh (MH) discussed comments in relation to PET-CT received with the committee, considered whether they should lead to updates to the draft recommendations and sought their input into responses to them.

### **7. Discussion on stakeholder comments continued, review of evidence and recommendations**

AAA, OC and MH discussed specific comments received with the committee in other areas, considered whether they should lead to updates to the draft recommendations and sought their input into responses to them.

### **8. AOB, Summary and next steps**

Adam O’Keefe, Project Manager, outlined next steps to publication before the Chair thanked the committee for their contributions throughout this guideline update, summarised the main actions from the day and asked for items of any other business.

The Chair then brought the meeting to a close.