

Blood Transfusion GC3 minutes

Blood Transfusion (tranexamic acid update) – committee meeting 3 minutes

**Date:** 13/01/2026

**Location:** Virtual

**Minutes:** Final

**Committee members present:**

Ian Bernstein	Committee Chair	Present for items 1-7
Martin Besser	Haematologist	Present for items 1-7
Margaret Cheng	Lay member	Present for items 1-7
Claire Frank	Pharmacist	Present for items 1-7
Mario Ganau	Surgeon (neurosurgeon)	Present for items 1-7
Nadia Ladak	Anaesthetist (paediatric)	Present for items 1-7
Sarah Markham	Lay member	Present for items 3-7
Fiona Murphy	Surgeon (paediatric)	Present for items 1-7
Sandip Nandhra	Surgeon (vascular)	Present for items 1-7
Kelly Nwankiti	Nurse (blood products)	Present for items 3-7
Antony Palmer	Surgeon (orthopaedic)	Present for items 1-7
Felicity Plaat	Anaesthetist (adults)	Present for items 1-7
Akshay Shah	Anaesthetist (adults)	Present for items 1-5
Louise Strickland	Nurse (perioperative)	Present for items 1-7
Marisa Taylor-Clarke	Surgeon (obstetrics)	Present for items 1-7
Laura Warner	Surgeon (ENT)	Present for items 1-7

**In attendance NICE:**

Danielle Conroy	Project Manager	Present for items 1-7
Benjamin Gregory	Business Analyst, Resource Impact	Present for items 4-7
Nicola Greenway	Measurement Lead, Quality Standards (observing)	Present for items 1-7
Sabah Janjua	National Medical Director's Clinical Fellow (observing)	Present for items 1-7
Sophia Kemmis-Betty	Health Economics Advisor	Present for items 1-7
Clifford Middleton	Topic Lead	Present for items 1-7
Cheryl Pace	Pharmacist Clinical Adviser	Present for items 1-7
Joanna Perkin	Senior Guidance Content Designer	Present for items 1-7
Erin Whittingham	Public Involvement Lead	Present for items 1-4
George Wood	Senior Technical Analyst	Present for items 1-7

**Apologies:**

Alexandra Bonnon	Health Economist, NICE
Mark Hills	Operating Department Practitioner, committee
Cheryl Hookway	Implementation Support Manager, NICE

**1. Welcome, Introductions and apologies**

The Chair (IB) welcomed the committee members and NICE attendees to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final post-consultation committee meeting for the Blood transfusion: tranexamic acid update.

IB informed attendees that apologies had been received as noted above.

**2. Declaration of interests**

IB asked all committee members to verbally declare any new interests.

No new interests were declared but IB reminded the group of the following recorded interest which is relevant to the day's discussion:

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Akshay Shah	Committee member – anaesthetist (adults)	Safety and efficacy of tranexamic acid in major non-cardiac vascular surgery: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Atha K, Corrigan L, Bera K, Shah A <a href="http://doi.org/10.54522/jvsgbi.2024.141">http://doi.org/10.54522/jvsgbi.2024.141</a>	Specific, Direct -non-financial professional and personal	Declare and partial exclusion  Participate in discussion but withdraw for drafting recommendations in relation to vascular surgery.

Akshay Shah (AS) was an author on a paper, which was not included in the evidence base, but does express a clear opinion on a matter under consideration, safety of tranexamic acid in vascular surgery. It was agreed that the member could stay for discussion and to offer his expert opinion in this area but would be excluded from participating in revising any recommendations relating to vascular surgery.

**3. Review of consultation comments that require committee input**

The Chair introduced Clifford Middleton (CM), Topic Lead who presented the stakeholder feedback from consultation which required further committee consideration.

This covered several themes including caesarean section, avoiding inadvertent intrathecal administration of tranexamic acid, vascular surgery and dosing.

The committee answered questions from the NICE team, discussed the comments as a group and initial revisions to recommendation wording were agreed as required.

AS withdrew from participating in revising recommendation wording on vascular surgery due to a conflict of interest.

#### **4. Review of consultation comments (continued)**

This item continued after a short break.

The committee continued to consider consultation feedback and any necessary revisions to the guideline.

AS withdrew from participating in revising recommendation wording on vascular surgery due to a conflict of interest.

#### **5. Review of consultation comments (continued)**

The committee continued to consider the outstanding issues after a short break.

AS withdrew from participating in revising recommendation wording on vascular surgery due to a conflict of interest.

The Chair thanked CM and committee for their input.

#### **6. Next steps**

The Chair introduced Danielle Conroy (DC), Project Manager who explained, as this was the last meeting, what will happen next, including key dates and NICE processes leading up to publication of the final guideline.

The Chair thanked DC for her input.

#### **7. AOB**

IB summarised the main actions from the day and thanked the committee and NICE team for their hard work and commitment over the last 4 months.

IB asked for items of any other business. As there was no further business to discuss, IB brought the meeting to a close.