

Rheumatoid arthritis (update) Committee meeting 6

Date: 21/04/2017

Location: Boardroom, NGC, 180 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5QZ

Minutes: Confirmed

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| Committee members present: | | |
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| Stephen Ward (SW, Chair) | | (Present for notes 1–5) |
| Ann Bevan (ABe) | | (Present for notes 1–5) |
| Ailsa Bosworth (ABo) | | (Present for notes 1–5) |
| Vicky Chamberlain (VC) | | (Present for notes 1–5) |
| Jennie Jones (JJ) | | (Present for notes 1–5) |
| Frank McKenna (FMK) | | (Present for notes 1–5) |
| Anupama Nandagudi (AN) | | (Present for notes 1–5) |
| Benjamin Parker (BP) | | (Present for notes 1–5) |
| Heidi Siddle (HS) | | (Present for notes 1–5) |
| Louise Warburton (LW) | | (Present for notes 1–5) |

| In attendance: | | |
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| Anne-Louise Clayton (AC) | Editor, NICE | (Present for notes 1–4d) |
| Alex Allen (AA) | Senior Research Fellow, NGC | (Present for notes 1–5) |
| Serena Carville (SC) | Guideline Lead/Associate Director, NGC | (Present for notes 1–5) |
| Meredith Faust (MF) | Document Editor/Process Assistant, NGC | (Present for notes 1–5) |
| Sophia Kemmis-Betty (SKB) | Senior Health Economist, NGC | (Present for notes 1–5) |
| Jacqui Real (JR) | Senior Research Fellow, NGC | (Present for notes 1–5) |
| Grit Scheffler-Ansari (GSA) | Research Fellow, NGC | (Present for notes 1–5) |

| Apologies: | |
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| Joanne Ashe (JA) | Senior Information Scientist, NGC |
| Caroline Keir (CK) | Guideline Commissioning Manager, NICE |

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| Bruce Kirkham (BK) | Consultant Rheumatologist, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust |
| Hilary McKee (HMK) | Consultant Pharmacist, Antrim Area Hospital |
| Ben Pordes (BPO) | Senior Project Manager, NGC |

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to the sixth meeting on rheumatoid arthritis. The committee members and attendees introduced themselves.

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

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included diagnosing and monitoring ultrasound as well as drafting recommendations.

2. Confirmation of matter under discussion, and declarations of interest

The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matter under discussion was diagnosing and monitoring ultrasound as well as drafting recommendations.

The Chair asked everyone to declare verbally any interests that have arisen since the last meeting.

| Name | Job title, organisation | Declarations of Interest, date declared | Type of interest | Decision taken |
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| Anupama Nandagudi | Consultant Rheumatologist, Basildon and Thurrock University Hospital NHS Trust | IMS-Drug representatives interaction – Market research | Personal, financial, non-specific | Declare and participate |
| | | M3 Global research – Biologic use – Market research | Personal, financial, non-specific | Declare and participate |
| | | Sermo-Biologic use in RA, psoriatic arthritis and axial spondyloarthritis – Market research | Personal, financial, non-specific | Declare and participate |
| Louise Warburton | GP with special interest in Musculoskeletal Medicine, Telford Musculoskeletal Service; | Invited to join a Spondyloarthritis Policy Initiative with Novartis; no remuneration provided. | Personal, non-financial, non-specific | Declare and participate |

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| | Associate Medical Director, Shropshire Community NHS Trust; and Senior Lecturer in General Practice, Keele University and Musculoskeletal Champion | | | |
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The Chair and a senior member of the Developer’s team noted that the interests declared did not prevent the attendees from fully participating in the meeting.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The Chair asked the committee if it wanted any changes made to the minutes of the last meeting. The committee agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate account of the meeting.

The Chair confirmed that all matters arising had been completed or were in hand.

4. Presentations and discussion

- a) JR presented the drafted recommendations for corticosteroids and prognostic factors. The committee discussed the rationales for recommendations.
- b) SC presented the research recommendation template and advised the committee on research recommendation processes.
- c) GSA presented the evidence for the review question, ‘In adults with rheumatoid arthritis, what is the added value of monitoring disease activity with ultrasound?’ The committee discussed the evidence.
- d) AA presented the evidence for the review question, ‘In adults with suspected inflammatory arthritis (including rheumatoid arthritis), what is the added value of ultrasound in the diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis?’ The committee discussed the evidence.
- e) SKB presented the health economic evidence for both above ultrasound review questions. The committee discussed the evidence and drafted recommendations for each review question.

5. Any other business

The committee discussed the shortened NICE timeline and agreed to the updated meeting calendar.

Date of next meeting: 30/05/2017

Location of next meeting: Boardroom, National Guideline Centre, 180 Great Portland St, London W1W 5QZ