

Meningitis (bacterial) and meningococcal disease: recognition, diagnosis & management

Committee Meeting 13

Date: 19th October 2021

Location: Via Zoom

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:	
Mark Thomas (Chair)	Present for items 1 – 7
David Turner (Topic Advisor)	Present for items 1 – 7
Andrew Hitchings	Present for items 1 – 7
Nathan Griffiths	Present for items 1 – 7
Richard Heyderman	Present for items 1 – 7
Imran Jawaid	Present for items 1 – 7
Michael Griffiths	Present for items 1 – 7
Linda Glennie	Present for items 6 – 7
Paul Heath	Present for items 1 – 7
Saul Faust	Present for items 1 – 5
Amit Arora	Present for items 1 – 7
Ashifa Trivedi	Present for items 1 – 7
Ian Maconochie	Present for items 1 – 7
Debarata Bhattacharya	Present for items 1 – 7

In attendance:		
Lisa Boardman	NGA Guideline Lead	Present for items 1 – 7
Josh South	NGA Project Manager	Present for items 1 – 7
Kelly Williams	NGA Senior Systematic Reviewer	Present for items 1 – 7
Armina Paule	NGA Systematic Reviewer	Present for items 1 – 7
Aye Paing	NGA Systematic Reviewer	Present for items 1 – 7
Adefisayo Abba-Abba	NGA Systematic Reviewer	Present for items 1 – 7
Paul Jacklin	NGA Senior Health Economist	Present for items 1 – 7
Catrina Charlton	NICE Commissioning Manager	Present for items 1 – 7
James Hall	NICE Content Editor	Present for items 6 – 7

Apologies:	
Simon Nadel	Committee member

Richard Tubman	Committee member
Laura O'Shea	NGA Senior Systematic Reviewer
Stephen Murphy	NGA Clinical Advisor

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to the 13th guideline committee meeting on Meningitis (bacterial) and meningococcal disease: recognition, diagnosis & management. The Chair thanked the committee for joining the meeting virtually.

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 meningitis (bacterial) and meningococcal disease: recognition, diagnosis & management. The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any new interests.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting.

4. Stratifications for RQ 1.1 & 1.2

Kelly Williams, NGA Senior Systematic Reviewer, presented a new study that could have an impact on the stratifications for review questions 1.1 & 1.2.

5. RQ 2.4 & 2.5 evidence report

Kelly Williams, NGA Senior Systematic Reviewer, and Adefisayo Abba-Abba, NGA Systematic Reviewer, presented the evidence reports for review questions 2.4 & 2.5.

2.4 - What factors (individually or in combination) are associated with an increased risk of brain herniation following lumbar puncture in people with suspected bacterial meningitis?

2.5 - What is the role of neuro-imaging prior to lumbar puncture?

The committee discussed the evidence and drafted recommendations in these areas.

6. Review of editorial comments on draft recommendations

Lisa Boardman, NGA Guideline Lead, outlined some comments the NICE editorial team had on the draft recommendations agreed at previous committee meetings.

The committee discussed these comments and amended the draft recommendations if required.

7. AOB

There was no further business to discuss. The Chair closed the meeting at 16:30pm.

Date of next meeting: 25th November 2021

Location of next meeting: Via Zoom