

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

Committee Meeting 6

Date: 6th January 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
Saul Faust	Present for items 1 – 4
Ashifa Trivedi	Present for items 1 – 7
Amit Arora	Present for items 1 – 7
Linda Glennie	Present for items 1 – 7
Tim Cook	Present for items 1 – 7
Robert Heyderman	Present for items 1 – 7
Nathan Griffiths	Present for items 1 – 7
Imran Jawaid	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
Laura O'Shea	NGA Senior Systematic Reviewer	Present for items 1 – 7
Kelly Williams	NGA Systematic Reviewer	Present for items 1 – 7
Zipporah Iheozor-Ejiofor	NGA Systematic Reviewer	Present for items 1 – 7
Paul Jacklin	NGA Senior Health Economist	Present for items 1 – 7
Elise Hasler	NGA Information Scientist	Present for items 1 – 7
Stephen Murphy	NGA Clinical Advisor	Present for items 1 – 7
Catrina Charlton	NICE Commissioning Manager	Present for items 1 – 7

Apologies:	
Richard Tubman	Committee member
Andrew Hitchings	Committee member
Simon Nadel	Committee member
Michael Griffiths	Committee member

Debarata Bhattacharya	Committee member
Paul Heath	Committee member
Ian Maconachie	Committee member

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to the 6th 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 interests.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting.

3. RQ 2.5 PICO

Laura O'Shea, NGA Senior Systematic Reviewer, presented the PICO for review question 2.5 What is the effectiveness of neuro-imaging in reducing the occurrence of brain herniation following lumbar puncture?

4. RQ 1.1a & 1.2a PICOs

Kelly Williams, NGA Systematic Reviewer, presented the PICOs for review questions 1.1a & 1.2a.

1.1a - What symptoms and signs, individually or in combination, are associated with bacterial meningitis?

1.2a - What symptoms and signs, individually or in combination, are associated with meningococcal disease?

5. RQ 2.3 PICO

Kelly Williams, NGA Systematic Reviewer, presented the PICOs for review questions 2.3 What is the accuracy and effectiveness of cerebrospinal fluid investigations in diagnosing bacterial meningitis?

6. RQ 2.4 PICO

Zipporah Ihezor-Ejiofor, NGA Systematic Reviewer, presented the PICO for review questions 2.4 What symptoms or signs (individually or in combination) are risk factors for brain herniation following lumbar puncture in people with suspected bacterial meningitis?

8. AOB

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

Date of next meeting: 16th February 2021

Location of next meeting: Via Zoom