

**Date and Time:** 23 February 2015 10:00 – 16:30

**Minutes: DRAFT**

**Care of the dying adult: Clinical care of the dying adult in the last days of life**

**Guideline Development Group Meeting 5**

**Place:** Royal institute of British Architects, The Council Chamber,  
66 Portland Place, London, W1B 1AD

**Present:**

Sam Ahmedzai	Chair (SA)
Susan Latchem	Guideline lead/Operations Director (SL)
Katharina Dworzynski	Senior Research Fellow (KD)
Sarah Hodgkinson	Senior Research Fellow (SH)
Eleanor Samarasekera	Senior Research Fellow (ES)
Josh Ruegger	Research Fellow (JRu)
Ella Barber	Research Fellow (EB)
Alex Haines	Health Economist (AH)
Tamara Diaz	Project Manager (TD)
Lindsay Dytham	Document Editor/Process Assistant (LD)
Alexander Haines	Senior Health Economist
Adam Firth	General practitioner (AF)
Adrian Blundell	Geriatrician (AB)
Antonia Field Smith	Clinical Trainee (AFS)
Annette Furley	Lay member (AnF)
Cheryl Young	Care home representative (CY)
David Edwards	Palliative care nurse (DE)
Diana Robinson	Lay member (DR)
Gwen Klepping	Specialist palliative care pharmacist (GK)
Joy Ross	Palliative care physician (JR)
Susan Dewar	District community nurse (SD)
Maureen Carruthers	Community matron/Advanced nurse (MC)

**NICE Staff:** Caroline Keir Guidelines Commissioning Manager (CK)

**Apologies:** Mike Grocott Intensive care physician (MG)  
Catharine Baden-Daintree NICE Guidelines Editor (CBD)

## Notes

1. Introductions and apologies. SA welcomed the group to the 5th meeting of this GDG. Apologies were received for CBD and MG.

2. **Declarations of Interests (DOIs)**

The Chair asked all GDG members to declare any relevant conflicts of interest.

DR declared working with the British heart foundation reviewing their research. GK declared leading teaching sessions, one to acute general medicine registrars on prescribing end of life and one to heart failure nurses on heart failure end of life. No funding was received for these engagements. SD has been asked to sit on a new Cancer Strategy Taskforce in April and this was declared for the information of the group. No action was required following these declarations.

All other members declared that they knew of no personal specific, personal non-specific, non-personal specific or non-personal non-specific interest in the development of this guideline.

3. The minutes of the last meeting of this group were agreed as a true and accurate account of the meeting.
4. **Review question: Recognising Dying**  
JRu presented the qualitative report and SH presented the quantitative report and an integrative segment on the Recognising Dying review. The GDG drafted recommendations and discussed the rationale for making these recommendations.

## Date, time and venue of the next meeting

- GDG 7: 26 March 2015, 10:00 – 16:00: Council Chamber, RCP  
GDG 8: 27 March 2015, 10:00 – 16:00: Sterling Room, RIBA