

Date and Time: *Wednesday 26 November 2014, 10:00-16:00*

Minutes: Confirmed

Guideline Development Group Meeting 4

Place: *Boardroom, NCGC, 180 Great Portland Street, London*

Present:

Phil Harrison (Chair)	Consultant Hepatologist
Marsha Morgan	Principle Research Fellow/Honorary Consultant Physician
Susan McRae	Patient/Carer Member
Andrew Fowell	Consultant Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist
Lynda Greenslade	Clinical Nurse Specialist in Hepatology
Valerie Ross	Lead Pharmacist, Hepatology
Mark Hudson	Consultant Hepatologist
Iain Brew	General Practitioner
Katie Broomfield	Document Editor/Process Assistant
Stacey Lockyer	Research Fellow
Emily Davies	Senior Research Fellow
Lefteris Floros	Health Economist
Martin Harker	Senior Health Economist
Jill Parnham	Guideline Lead
Brian Hogan	Clinical Trainee

In attendance:

Caroline Keir	Guidelines Commissioning Manager	NICE
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Observers:

Joshua Ruegger	Research fellow	NCGC
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Apologies:

Andrew Langford	Patient/Carer Member
Gerri Mortimore	Lead CNS Liver
Katie Jones	Senior Project Manager, NCGC

1. Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest

The chair welcomed the group to the fourth meeting of this GDG. Apologies were received from AL and GM.

The Chair reviewed and requested updates to the declarations of interest register.

The Chair declared that in relation to the **previous declarations** recorded in the DOI register, for this meeting, the following should apply:

- LG should withdraw from discussion of draft protocol: Management of hepatic encephalopathy
- MH should withdraw from discussion of draft protocol: Management of hepatic encephalopathy
- MM should declare and participate for the discussion of draft protocol: Management of hepatic encephalopathy

New declarations of interest received for this GDG meeting include:

GDG Declarations of Interest			
N.B. The Chair and GDG members were recruited to this guideline using NICE DOI policy published Oct 2008.			
Insert initials	Declaration	Classification (as per the NICE DOI policy wording*)	Chair's action
LG	Norgine –Liver Nurses Educational Meeting 21st & 22 nd November 2014. On the education board, will be chairing some sessions and giving a talk, having overnight accommodation and will be paid an honorarium.	Personal financial specific	Withdraw from question relating to hepatic encephalopathy GDG4 on 26-11-2014 and GDG 8 on 30-04-2015
PH, MM, SMR, AF, VR, MH, IB, AL, GM, BH	None	N/A	None taken

2. Agree previous GDG3 meeting notes & NICE minutes

The meeting notes and NICE minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by the GDG and some minor amendments were required. The notes and NICE minutes were then agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. Review LETR from previous meeting

The GDG reviewed and made minor edits to the draft 'recommendations and LETR table from GDG3.

4. Health Economic update

LF and MH updated the group on plans for health economic analysis within the guideline.

5. Review question: TIPS vs. LVP

ED and LF presented to the group on the clinical and cost effectiveness evidence of TIPS vs. LVP. The GDG considered the evidence and drafted recommendations.

6. Review question: Prophylaxis of bacterial infections in upper GI bleeding

ED and LF presented to the group on the clinical and cost effectiveness evidence of prophylaxis of bacterial infections in upper GI bleeding. The GDG considered the evidence and drafted recommendations.

7. Protocols

ED presented to the group on the draft protocols for severity risk tools, management of hepatic encephalopathy, and surveillance (detection of varices).

8. AOB

Nil

Date, time and venue of the next meeting

GDG 5: 21 January 2015, 10:00-16:00, Boardroom, NCGC