

**Sepsis: Recognition, diagnosis and early management guideline (update)
committee 4 meeting minutes**

Sepsis: recognition, diagnosis and early management – Committee Meeting 4

Date: 10/01/2023

Location: Virtual

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:		
Ann Hoskins (Chair, AH)		Present for notes 1 – 6
Samina Begum		Present for notes 1 – 6
Louise Bradbury		Present for notes 1 – 6
Tumena Corrah		Present for notes 1 – 6
Savio Fernandes		Present for notes 1 – 6
Peter Gosling		Present for notes 1 – 6
Alasdair Gray		Present for notes 1 – 6
Jeremy Henning		Present for notes 1 – 6
Erum Khan		Present for notes 1 – 6
Barry Murphy-Jones		Present for notes 1 – 6
Marlies Ostermann		Present for notes 1 – 6
Giovanni Satta		Present for notes 1 – 6
Sally Wood		Present for notes 1 – 6
Tessa Lewis		Present for notes 1 – 6

In attendance:		
Astrid Aregui (AA)	Medical Editor	Present for notes 1 – 6
Victoria Axe	Guideline Commissioning Manager	Present for notes 1 – 6
Sara Buckner	Technical Adviser, Quality Assurance	Present for notes 1 – 2
Lindsay Claxton (LC)	Technical Adviser, Health Economics	Present for notes 1 – 6
Jon Littler (JL)	Project Manager	Present for notes 1 – 6
Sarah Matthews	Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 – 6
Caroline Mulvihill (CM)	Technical Adviser	Present for notes 1 – 6
Anneka Patel	Programme Manager	Present for notes 1 – 3

Apologies:		
Cheryl Hookway	Implementation Lead	
Kirsty Hounsell	Technical Analyst, Health Economics	

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1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair (AH) welcomed the committee members and NICE attendees to the third sepsis guideline committee meeting.

AH then outlined the objectives of the meeting before asking all committee members to verbally declare any interests that have arisen since the last meeting:

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Alasdair Gray	Consultant in Emergency Medicine	Co-investigator on an industry (Inflammatix) collaboration to investigate the use of a novel biomarker for sepsis identification in UK Emergency Departments. Currently going through set up	Non-financial, personal or professional	Declare and participate. Rationale: Not in scope for this update.

Senior members of the Development team noted that the interests declared did not prevent the attendees from fully participating in this meeting.

Finally, AH asked that the committee review the minutes from the previous meeting. The committee agreed they were an accurate record of the previous meeting's discussion.

2. NICE draft sepsis recommendations and alignment with the AMRC statement

AH introduced Caroline Mulvihill (CM), Technical Adviser who led the discussion on the recommendations the committee had made so far on this update and how they could better align the statement on [Sepsis and initial antimicrobial treatment](#) recently put out by the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges.

CM provided the committee with a series of possible options on how to approach this alignment, accepting comments, queries and suggestions from the committee.

AH thanked CM for her preparation and work on this alignment, and the committee for your feedback, and moved to the next item on the agenda.

3. Consideration of QA feedback

AH then introduced Victoria Axe (VA) Guidelines Commissioning Manager who, along with CM and Astrid Aregui (AA) Content Editor led a discussion on the feedback their work had received from the NICE quality assurance team.

The committee, along with VA, discussed how they would respond to the QA team's requests and suggestions.

AH thanked VA for the support and guidance from the QA team, and thanked the committee for their help in adapting the recommendations to QA suggestions, and moved to the next item on the agenda.

4. Editorial queries on specific draft recommendations

For the final main item on the agenda, AH re-introduced CM who had some final editorial queries for the committee to clarify their stance on the wording of particular recommendations.

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The committee provided CM with the feedback she required before AH thanked them for their feedback and moved to close the meeting.

5. AOB, Summary and next steps

JL advised the committee of the next steps, confirming that they would have the revised recommendations from the day for review on Tuesday 24 January 2023.

AH thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting.

Date of next meeting: TBC

Location of next meeting: Virtual