

Date and Time: Tuesday 12th May 2015, 10:00- 16:00

Place: Wolfson Conference Centre at the Academy of Medical Sciences, 41
Portland Place, London, W1B 1QH

Minutes: Confirmed

Guideline Development Group Meeting 14 – Low back pain and sciatica

Present: GDG members

Stephen Ward (SW) – Chair - Consultant in Pain Medicine, Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS trust
Babak Arvin (BA) - Consultant Neurosurgeon, Queens Hospital
Ian Bernstein (IB) - General Practitioner, Gordon House Surgery, London
Patrick Hill (PH) – Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust
Gary MacFarlane (GM) - Chair (clinical) in Epidemiology, University of Aberdeen
Neil O’Connell (NOC) – Lecturer, School of Health Sciences & Social Care Brunel University
Diana Robinson (DR) – Patient member
Philip Sell (PS) - Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust
Simon Somerville (SS) – General Practitioner, Park Medical centre, Leek, Staffordshire
Steven Vogel (SV) – Vice Principal (Research), British School of Osteopathy
Chris Wells (CW) - Consultant in Pain Medicine

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Kate Ashmore (KA) – Documents Editor/Process Assistant
Serena Carville (SC) – Associate Director
Lina Gulhane (LG) – Joint Head of Information Science
Sophia Kemmis-Betty (SKB) – Senior Health Economist
Sana Khan (SK) – Research Fellow
Rachel O’Mahony (ROM) – Senior Research Fellow
Ben Pordes (BP) – Project Manager

Apologies:

Suzanne Blowey (SB) - Consultant Nurse Chronic Pain, Mount Gould Hospital, Plymouth
Qudsia Malik (QM) – Senior Research Fellow, NCGC
Mark Mason (MM) – Patient member
Louise Shires (LS) – Programme Manager, NICE
David Walsh (DW) – Honorary Consultant Rheumatologist, Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Notes

1. Introduction, apologies and minutes

SW welcomed the group to the fourteenth meeting of this GDG. Apologies were received from SB, QM, MM, LS and DW. The minutes from GDG13 were signed off.

2. Declaration of interests

New declarations were received from NOC, SW and CW who declared personal pecuniary interests. CW declared a personal non-pecuniary interest and NOC declared a non-personal pecuniary interest. The Chair reviewed these and it was determined that all could declare and participate. No other new declarations were received from GDG members and therefore no further action was required.

3. Review draft recommendations

The GDG reviewed and made edits to the 'LETR' tables for the radiofrequency ablation and spinal injection reviews.

4. Protocol: Laminectomy in sciatica

ROM led the GDG through the protocol and the GDG discussed changes.

5. Protocol: Discectomy

ROM led the GDG through the protocol and the GDG discussed changes.

6. Protocol: Disc Replacement Surgery

ROM led the GDG through the protocol and the GDG discussed changes.

7. Evidence review: Manual therapies

ROM presented the clinical evidence review for manual therapies. SKB presented the health economic evidence. The GDG discussed the evidence.

8. Evidence review: Spinal Fusion

ROM presented the clinical evidence review for spinal fusion. SKB presented the health economic evidence. The GDG discussed the evidence.

9. Evidence review: Multidisciplinary biopsychosocial rehabilitation

The GDG reviewed the 'LETR' table for multidisciplinary biopsychosocial rehabilitation and discussed.

10. Any other business

There was no other business.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting

18th June 2015, 10:00-16:00, Boardroom, NCGC, 180 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5QZ