

Membership of the Age-Related Macular Degeneration Guideline Committee

The Committee will operate as an advisory Committee to NICE's Board, developing a clinical guideline on Age-Related Macular Degeneration.

The terms of reference and standing orders for the Committee can be found in [appendix D of Developing NICE guidelines: the manual](#).

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Membership list

Agreed Constituency	Name	Job Title, Organisation	Comment
Chair			
Chair	Waqar Shah	Royal College of General Practitioners Clinical Expert in Eye Health	
Core members / Members			
Optometrist	Katy Barnard	Senior Optometrist and Clinical Lead for Low Vision, Moorfields Eye Hospital	
Ophthalmologist	Nicholas Beare	Consultant Ophthalmologist, Royal Liverpool University Hospital	From February 2016
Eye Clinic Liaison Officer	Cathie Burke	Service Manager, Being There North, Action for Blind People	
Consultant Ophthalmologist	Usha Chakravarthy	Professor of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences, The Belfast Health and Social Care Trust	Resigned September 2015
Consultant Ophthalmologist	Alexander Foss	Consultant Ophthalmologist, Nottingham University Hospital Trust	
Specialist Ophthalmology Nurse	Mary Freeman	Nurse Consultant, Ophthalmology, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	
Patient/carer	Carol McCletchie	Patient/carer member	

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Commissioner	Ellen Rule	Executive Director of Transformation and Service Redesign, Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group	
Optometrist	Mary-Ann Sherratt	Optometrist, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust	
Patient/carer	Elizabeth Wick	Patient and Specialist Adviser for the Care Quality Commission	
Patient/carer	Cathy Yelf	Carer and Macular Society Chief Executive Officer	
Topic expert members			
Public Health expert	Jennifer Evans	Lecturer, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	
General Practitioner	Andy Charley	General Practitioner, Northgate Medical Practice, Canterbury	Full member until August 2016. From August 2016 co-opted expert

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Declaration of Interests

The effective management of conflicts of interests is an essential element in the development of the guidance and advice that NICE publishes. Please refer to the NICE website for the [Policy on Conflicts of Interest](#).

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Nicholas Beare (Guideline Committee member)	Consultant Ophthalmologist, Royal Liverpool University Hospital	January 2016 Travel expenses to attend Association of Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) conference Denver, USA paid by Bayer May 2015.	Non-specific personal financial interest	Declare and participate
Nicholas Beare (Guideline Committee member)	Consultant Ophthalmologist, Royal Liverpool University Hospital	January 2016 Paid honorarium for advisory board on retinal vein occlusion by Novartis Sept 2014.	Non-specific personal financial interest	Declare and participate
Nicholas Beare (Guideline Committee member)	Consultant Ophthalmologist, Royal Liverpool University Hospital	January 2016 Paid honorarium for advisory board on diabetic macular oedema by Almera Sciences June 2014.	Non-specific personal financial interest	Declare and participate
Nicholas Beare (Guideline Committee member)	Consultant Ophthalmologist, Royal Liverpool University Hospital	January 2016 Attendance at advisory board on non- infectious uveitis for Santen, March 2016	Non-specific personal financial interest	Declare and participate
Nicholas Beare (Guideline Committee member)	Consultant Ophthalmologist, Royal Liverpool University Hospital	May 2016 Provision of academic support to AbbVie (2016-2017) in the identification of research questions for uveitis.	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Nicholas Beare (Guideline Committee member)	Consultant Ophthalmologist, Royal Liverpool University Hospital	August 2016 Ophthalmology supervisor to an Ophthalmology trainee who has	Non-specific, non-personal financial	Declare and participate

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		received an award from Bayer to study Post-Ebola uveitis in Sierra Leone. The award is from Bayer's Global Ophthalmology Award Programme and is paid to the University of Liverpool Institute of Translational Medicine.	interest	
Cathie Burke (Guideline Committee member)	Eye Clinic Liaison Officer	June 2015 Delivery of Low Vision Training for Specsavers' Dispensing Opticians at 6 Locations and also at their National Conference (2014/15). Remuneration received for the National Conference as this was Sunday working – all other remuneration was paid to employers, Action for Blind People.	Specific, non-personal financial interest	Declare and participate
Cathie Burke (Guideline Committee member)	Eye Clinic Liaison Officer	September 2015 Attendance at macular degeneration team building meal funded by Novartis.	Specific, non-personal financial interest	Declare and participate
Cathie Burke (Guideline Committee member)	Eye Clinic Liaison Officer	February 2016 Hosted a Macular Degeneration Awareness Day. Attended by the Macular Society and local charities. Refreshments provided by Bayer.	Specific, non-personal financial interest	Non-personal financial interest
Usha Chakravarthy (resigned September 2015) (Guideline Committee member)	Professor of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences, The Belfast Health and Social Care Trust	June 2015 Employer receives grants for clinical trials from Ophthotech and Notal Vision.	Non-specific, non-personal financial interest	Declare and participate

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Usha Chakravarthy (resigned September 2015) (Guideline Committee member)	Professor of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences, The Belfast Health and Social Care Trust	June 2015 Received personal reimbursement for attending an advisory board meeting for Novartis on the use of Fovista in wet AMD in January 2015.	Specific, Personal financial interest	Withdraw from discussions on treatment
Usha Chakravarthy (resigned September 2015) (Guideline Committee member)	Professor of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences, The Belfast Health and Social Care Trust	September 2015 Member of Northern Ireland Clinical Research Network supporting pharmaceutical trials in AMD.	Specific non-personal financial interest	Declare and participate
Andy Charley (co-opted expert)	General Practitioner with a specialist interest in Ophthalmology, Northgate Medical Practice, Canterbury	June 2015 RCGP curriculum Guardian for ophthalmology	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Andy Charley (co-opted expert)	General Practitioner with a specialist interest in Ophthalmology, Northgate Medical Practice, Canterbury	March 2016 Attendance at colleague's retirement event where meal/refreshments were paid for by Nicox.	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Jennifer Evans (co-opted expert)	Lecturer, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	June 2015 Coordinating editor for Cochrane Eyes and Vision.	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Jennifer Evans (co-opted expert)	Lecturer, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	August 2015 Co-author on the following Cochrane reviews that are relevant to the guidelines: Photodynamic therapy for neovascular age-related macular degeneration (2007). Omega 3 fatty acids for preventing or slowing the progression of age-related macular degeneration (2015)	Specific, personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate

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		Antioxidant vitamin and mineral supplements for preventing age-related macular degeneration (2012) Antioxidant vitamin and mineral supplements for slowing the progression of age-related macular degeneration (2012) Laser treatment of drusen to prevent progression to advanced age-related macular degeneration (2009).		
Jennifer Evans (co-opted expert)	Lecturer, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	September 2017 Will be presenting at the Glaucoma Society, on grading evidence for clinical guidelines. No honorarium	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Alexander Foss (Guideline Committee member)	Consultant Ophthalmologist, Nottingham University Hospital Trust	December 2015 Chief investigator for the TANDEM trial set-up by the East Midlands Special Commissioning Group. Administrative costs are met by NHS England and the running costs are met by the local clinical commissioning groups (CCG). Research nurse funded by the CCG. The funding for this post is to cover the cost of data collection and was part of the service commissioning process. The unit makes no profit from participating in this research.	Specific, non-personal financial interest	Declare and participate
Alexander Foss	Consultant Ophthalmologist,	January 2016 Publication of patient	Specific, personal,	Declare and participate

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(Guideline Committee member)	Nottingham University Hospital Trust	views on macular degeneration study	non-financial interest	
Alexander Foss (Guideline Committee member)	Consultant Ophthalmologist, Nottingham University Hospital Trust	April 2016 Speaker at Royal College of GP's (February 2016) study day on age related macular degeneration to GPs, no payment received.	Specific, personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Alexander Foss (Guideline Committee member)	Consultant Ophthalmologist, Nottingham University Hospital Trust	December 2016 Speaker on generating value in Ophthalmology, Hellish Decisions in Healthcare 2017. Travel expenses paid.	Non-specific, personal, financial interest	Declare and participate Expenses paid in line with NICE's travel and subsistence policy
Mary Freeman (Guideline Committee member)	Nurse Consultant, Ophthalmology, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	June 2015 Received honoraria from Novartis for chairing a medical retina education day for nurses and other healthcare professionals in 2014.	Non specific, personal financial interest	Declare and participate.
Mary Freeman (Guideline Committee member)	Nurse Consultant, Ophthalmology, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	June 2015 Gave a lecture in May 2015 on OCT/ fluorescein angiography interpretation. Travel expenses received and registration to the College of Ophthalmologist annual congress, supported by Nicox.	Non specific, personal financial interest	Declare and participate
Mary Freeman (Guideline Committee member)	Nurse Consultant, Ophthalmology, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	August 2015 Delivered Bayer masterclass on diabetic eye disease (honorarium donated to charity)	Non-specific non-personal financial interest	Declare and participate
Mary Freeman (Guideline Committee member) Nurse Consultant,	Nurse Consultant, Ophthalmology, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	October 2015 Delegate at a seminar sponsored by MSD	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate

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Ophthalmology, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust				
Mary Freeman (Guideline Committee member)	Nurse Consultant, Ophthalmology, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	April 2016 Involved in the LEAVO trial, injecting the drugs (Avastin, Eylea, Lucentis). NHIR funded, no other involvement in the trial.	Specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Mary Freeman (Guideline Committee member)	Nurse Consultant, Ophthalmology, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	June 2016 Contribution to a publication on the identification, diagnosis and prompt treatment of diabetic macular oedema (DMO). The publication is supported by Bayer. The publication will be non-drug related and will not have any specific recommendations relating to drug choice. An honorarium was received.	Non-specific personal financial interest	Declare and participate
Mary Freeman (Guideline Committee member)	Nurse Consultant, Ophthalmology, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	September 2017 Attended an investigator meeting in Milan sponsored by Aerie Pharmaceuticals with a view to starting a “prospective, double-masked, randomized, multicenter, 6-month study, assessing the safety and ocular hypotensive efficacy of an Ophthalmic Solution compared to GANFORT® (bimatoprost 0.03% / timolol 0.5%	Specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate

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		Ophthalmic Solution) in subjects with elevated intraocular pressure”.		
Carol McCletchie	Patient/carer member	February 2016 Attended a Macular Degeneration Awareness Day. Refreshments provided by Bayer.	Specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Ellen Rule (Guideline Committee member)	Executive Director of Transformation and Service Redesign, Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group	September 2015 Pharmaceutical support for CCG working.	Non-specific non-personal financial interest	Declare and participate
Ellen Rule (Guideline Committee member)	Executive Director of Transformation and Service Redesign, Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group	October 2015 Executive sponsor of a project funded by Bayer, undertaking health economic modelling on atrial fibrillation.	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Waqaar Shah (Guideline Committee Chair)	Royal College of General Practitioners Clinical Expert in Eye Health	January 2015 Advisory role on eye health to the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) and for the UK Vision strategy, to implement the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendation to reduce avoidable blindness worldwide by 2020.	Non specific Personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Waqaar Shah (Guideline Committee Chair)	Royal College of General Practitioners Clinical Expert in Eye Health	January 2015 Receives occasional fees for speaking at academic GP or ophthalmology conferences such as Pulse magazine conference, the Best Practice conference and the UK Vision conference.	Non-specific personal financial and non-financial interests	Declare and participate
Waqaar Shah (Guideline Committee)	Royal College of General Practitioners Clinical Expert in Eye Health	January 2015 Acts as the RCGP champion in Eye Health and in this role,	Non-specific personal non-	Declare and participate

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Chair)		commissioned an educational book on Low Vision which is used in GP practices across the UK. Published in Aug/ Sept 2014.	financial interest	
Waqaar Shah (Guideline Committee Chair)	Royal College of General Practitioners Clinical Expert in Eye Health	June 2016 Chaired 3 study days for Royal College of GP's (2 days in February, and 1 day in June 2016), on ophthalmology, expenses paid only	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Waqaar Shah (Guideline Committee Chair)	Royal College of General Practitioners Clinical Expert in Eye Health	March 2016 Attendance at colleague's retirement event where meal/refreshments were paid for by Nicox.	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Waqaar Shah (Guideline Committee Chair)	Royal College of General Practitioners Clinical Expert in Eye Health	April 2016 Speaker at Westminster Health Forum, on the future of pharmaceutical pricing, transparency and access to medicines (not drug specific).	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Waqaar Shah (Guideline Committee Chair)	Royal College of General Practitioners Clinical Expert in Eye Health	April 2016 Invited to open a new Moorfields Eye Hospital, as RCGP Clinical Expert in Ophthalmology.	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Waqaar Shah (Guideline Committee Chair)	Royal College of General Practitioners Clinical Expert in Eye Health	December 2016 Chaired an education session for GP's on Ophthalmology (payment received)	Non-specific personal financial interest	Declare and participate
Waqaar Shah (Guideline Committee Chair)	Royal College of General Practitioners Clinical Expert in Eye	February 2017 Presented at a conference 100% OPTICAL, at a session organised by the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers. The topic was community optometry,	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate

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		and did not include AMD. No payment received.		
Waqaar Shah (Guideline Committee Chair)	Royal College of General Practitioners Clinical Expert in Eye	September 2017 Speaker at Westminster Health Forum Keynote Seminar October 2017. On the potential impact of new NICE guidance - glaucoma, age-related macular degeneration and cataract surgery. No honorarium paid	Specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate Presentation made at request of NICE and focused on recommendations from current NICE guidance
Mary-Ann Sherratt (Guideline Committee member)	Optometrist, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust	June 2015 Vice President and Trustee for The College of Optometrists.	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Mary-Ann Sherratt (Guideline Committee member)	Optometrist, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust	June 2015 College of Optometrists representative on the Clinical Council for Eye Health commissioning.	Specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Mary-Ann Sherratt (Guideline Committee member)	Optometrist, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust	October 2015 Delegate at a seminar on Diabetic macular oedema sponsored by Bayer.	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Mary-Ann Sherratt (Guideline Committee member)	Optometrist, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust	March 2016 Attendance at colleague's retirement event where meal/refreshments were paid for by Nicox.	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Mary-Ann Sherratt (Guideline Committee member)	Optometrist, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust	December 2016 Attended a diabetic retinopathy education event in November. The event was sponsored by Bayer.	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Elizabeth Wick (Guideline Committee)	Patient and Specialist Adviser for the Care Quality Commission	December 2016 In January 2017 speaker at a RCGP event, arranged by	Specific, personal financial interest	Declare and participate This was a presentation

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member)		the RNIB. The talk was to a group of GP's about living with sight loss from a patient viewpoint. £100 payment.		of a lay perspective on living with sight loss which did not endorse or promote any drugs or services and was purely educational. The presentation slides were reviewed and it was agreed that they did not constitute a conflict of interest.
Elizabeth Wick (Guideline Committee member)	Patient and Specialist Adviser for the Care Quality Commission	January 2017 Interview for the Mirror newspaper, about experience of living with AMD. No payment received	Specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Elizabeth Wick (Guideline Committee member)	Patient and Specialist Adviser for the Care Quality Commission	February 2017 Acted as an observer for national recruitment interviews of F2 Ophthalmologist's for the Royal College of Ophthalmologists. Expenses only received	Non-specific personal non-financial interest	Declare and participate
Judith Hughes Observer	(PhD student, observer undertaking research)	October 2015 Small shareholding in Pfizer (from previous employment, which ended in 2007).	Specific, personal financial interest	Declare and continue to observe and undertake research with the committee. No input into discussion of evidence or in making recommend

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