



**National Institute for  
Health and Clinical Excellence**

**National Collaborating Centre for Chronic Conditions**

at the Royal College of Physicians

**Alcohol use disorders — clinical  
management**

**Guideline Development Group (GDG) 9  
Meeting**

Tuesday 21 April 2009

Pickering/Rosenheim Room, Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place,  
Regent's Park

Present:

Tony Rudd	GDG Chair
Stephen Stewart	GDG Clinical Advisor
Sharon Swain	NCGC Senior Research Fellow
Taryn Krause	NCGC Senior Project Manager
Joss Bray	Substance misuse specialist
Eilish Gilvarry	Consultant Psychiatrist
Anne McCune	Consultant Gastroenterologist
Olivier Van den Broucke	Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist
Lynn Owens	Nurse (detoxification)
Gerri Mortimore	Nurse (hepatology)
Philippe Laramee	NCGC Health Economist
Colin Standfield	Representing service users' and carers' views
Adam Bakker	General Practitioner
Adrian Boyle	Consultant in emergency medicine
Robin Touquet	A & E Physician
Annabelle Bundle	Paediatrician
Stephen Pereira	Senior lecturer in hepatology and gastroenterology
Georgina Kirwin	NCGC Research Fellow

Observers:

Susan Latchem	NICE commissioning manager
Bernard Higgins	NCGC Clinical Director

Apologies:

Alison Richards	NCGC Senior Information Scientist
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Marsha Morgan

Consultant Hepatologist

## **1 Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies from Alison Richards and Marsha Morgan.

The declarations of interests register was made available to the Chair who requested updates to existing declarations of interests from group members. No declarations of interests were deemed in conflict with the agenda topics and clinical questions under discussion at the meeting.

## **2 Evidence and recommendations from GDG8 review questions**

The GDG reviewed the content from the previous meeting and noted a few small changes to the draft recommendations in the areas of Wernicke's encephalopathy and diagnosis of chronic pancreatitis.

## **3 Review questions for GDG9**

The clinical and cost-effectiveness evidence was discussed and recommendations drafted for the following review questions:

- Safety and efficacy of nutritional supplementation in patients with acute alcohol-related pancreatitis

## **4 Health economic modelling of acute alcohol withdrawal**

The findings of the health economic analysis concerning symptom-triggered vs fixed dose regimens in the management of acute alcohol withdrawal were presented to the GDG.

## **5 Any other business**

There was no other business.

## **6 Next meeting**

The 10th GDG development meeting (GDG10) will be held at the Royal College of Physicians, 11.00–16.30, 16 June 2009.