

Date and Time: Thursday 18th June 2015, 10:00-16:00

Place: Boardroom, NCGC, 180 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5QZ

Minutes: Confirmed

Guideline Development Group Meeting 15 – 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

Suzanne Blowey (SB) - Consultant Nurse Chronic Pain, Mount Gould Hospital, Plymouth

Patrick Hill (PH) – Honorary Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Royal United Hospital, Bath

Neil O’Connell (NOC) – Lecturer, Department of Clinical Sciences, 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

David Walsh (DW) – Honorary Consultant Rheumatologist, Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Serena Carville (SC) – Associate Director

Elisabetta Fenu (EF) - Health Economic Lead

Lina Gulhane (LG) – Joint Head of Information Science

Katie Jones (KJ) – Senior Project Manager

Sophia Kemmis-Betty (SKB) – Senior Health Economist

Sana Khan (SK) – Research Fellow

Qudsia Malik (QM) – Senior Research Fellow

Apologies:

Kate Ashmore (KA) – Documents Editor/Process Assistant, NCGC

Gary MacFarlane (GM) - Chair (clinical) in Epidemiology, University of Aberdeen

Mark Mason (MM) – Patient member

Rachel O’Mahony (ROM) – Senior Research Fellow, NCGC

Ben Pordes (BP) – Project Manager, NCGC

Louise Shires (LS) – Programme Manager, NICE

Chris Wells (CW) - Consultant in Pain Medicine

Notes

1. Introduction, apologies and minutes

SW welcomed the group to the fifteenth meeting of this GDG. Apologies were received from KA, GM, MM, ROM, BP, LS and CW. The minutes from GDG14 were signed off.

2. Declaration of interests

New declarations were received from DR and IB who declared personal pecuniary interests. 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. LETRs for sign off

The GDG reviewed and made edits to the 'LETR' tables for the spinal fusion and return to work reviews.

4. Prognostic studies presentation

QM presented an introduction to prognostic studies for the information of the GDG members.

5. Evidence review: Referral for surgery

SK presented the clinical evidence review for referral for surgery. SKB presented the health economic evidence. The GDG discussed the evidence and drafted recommendations.

6. Evidence review: Multidisciplinary biopsychosocial rehabilitation

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

7. Health economic model

SKB presented an introduction to the health economic model. The GDG discussed the inputs for the model.

8. Evidence review: Epidural injections for sciatica

QM and JR presented the clinical evidence for the review of epidural injections for sciatica. SKB present the health economic evidence. The GDG discussed the evidence. It was agreed this would be revisited at a later meeting to draft recommendations.

9. Any other business

There was no other business.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting

Thursday 30th July 2015, 1000-1600, Boardroom, NCGC, 180 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5QZ