

Varicose Veins Guideline Development Group Meeting (GDG) 8

Date and Time: *Wednesday 3rd October 2012 (10:00–16:00)*

Minutes: *Confirmed*

Place: *Boardroom, National Clinical Guideline Centre (NCGC), 180 Great Portland Street, London W1W 5QZ*

GDG Present: *(All present for notes 1–9 except where stated)*

Prof. Alun Davies (Chair) (AD)
Dr. Mustapha Azzam (MA) (Present for notes 3-9)
Dr. Jocelyn Brookes (JB)
Mrs. Joyce Calam (JC)
Mr. David Evans (DE)
Mr. Nick Hickey (NH)
Mr. Keith Poskitt (KP)
Mrs. Hazel Trender (HT)
Dr. Mark Vaughan (MV)

In attendance: *(All present for notes 1–9 except where stated)*

Expert Advisors: Ms. Janine Elson (JE) (Present for notes 3)

NICE Staff Ms. Caroline Keir (CK)

NCGC Staff: Mrs. Karen Head (KH)
Dr Kate Kelley (KK) (Chair)
Ms. Grace Marsden (GM)
Dr Mark Perry (MP)
Mr. David Wonderling (DW) (Present for notes 1-2)

Apologies Prof. Andrew Bradbury (AB)
Ms. Jenny Greenfield (JG)

Minutes

1. Welcome, introductions and declarations of interest

AD welcomed the group to the seventh Varicose Veins Guideline Development Group Meeting (GDG6). It was noted that AB, JG had sent apologies for absence.

AD invited everyone to declare their interests. AD declared a new personal non-pecuniary interest he had travelled to India sponsored by the Indian Vascular Society and VASCUTEK, which does not manufacture anything related to varicose veins.

No actions were taken following these declarations and none of the GDG members withdrew during discussion. There were no changes to any of the other GDG members' and NCGC staff's DOIs since the last meeting.

The minutes of GDG 7 were agreed as an accurate reflection of the meeting, there were no matters

arising.

2. Economic Model

A member of the NCGC Technical Team presented the results of the network meta-analysis and the economic model. The GDG discussed the results and the proposed economic model data inputs. The GDG agreed the final changes agreed the data inputs to the model.

3. Evidence Summary – Varicose Veins during Pregnancy

AD welcomed JE to the meeting. A member of the NCGC technical team presented a summary of the evidence that we had found for varicose veins for pregnant women. The GDG discussed the evidence presented and discussed possible draft recommendations.

4. Evidence Summary – Recurrent Varicose Veins

A member of the NCGC Technical Team presented a summary of the evidence for the management of recurrent varicose veins. The GDG discussed the evidence presented.

5. Economic Model – Preliminary Results

A member of the NCGC Technical Team presented preliminary results of the economic model. The model will now undergo validation and the final results will be presented at the next meeting.

6. Review of Recommendations

The GDG reviewed the current draft recommendations. Alterations were made and these will be discussed again at the next meeting.

7. Research Recommendations

The GDG reviewed and discussed the results of the survey of research recommendations. The top 5 research recommendations were discussed and volunteers were identified to expand on each of the identified recommendations.

8. Review of Guideline Progress

Members of the NCGC Technical team presented on overview of project progress.

9. Any other business and summary of next steps

No items of additional business were raised.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting

Wednesday November 7th (10:00–16:00); Linacre Room, Royal College of Physicians, 11 St. Andrews Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE