

NATIONAL CLINICAL GUIDELINE CENTRE (ACUTE AND CHRONIC CONDITIONS) (NCGC-ACC)

NICE clinical guideline – The management of transient loss of consciousness

Notes of the 9th and 10th Guideline Development Group Meetings
Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th July 2009, commencing at 10.00 a.m.,
Royal College of Physicians (Day 1) and The Kings Fund (Day 2) - London

PRESENT:

Paul Cooper (Chair,PC)	Neurologist, Salford Royal Hospital
Robin Beal (RB)	Clinical Director, St Mary's Hospital – Emergency Department
Mary Braine (MB)	Lecturer, School of Nursing, University of Salford
Ian Bullock (IB)	Chief Operating Officer, NCGC
Sarah Davis (SD)	Health Economic Lead, NCGC
Melesina Goodwin (MG)	Epilepsy Specialist Nurse, Northampton General Hospital
Richard Grünewald (RG)	Neurologist, Royal Hallamshire Hospital
Sue Latchem (SL)	NICE Commissioning Manager (Day 1; am only)
Jacoby Patterson (JP)	Consultant Systematic Reviewer, NCGC
John Pawelec (JP)	Paramedic Clinical Tutor, Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust
Sanjiv Petkar (SP)	Clinical Research Fellow, Manchester Heart Centre
David Pitcher (DP)	Cardiologist, Worcester NHS Trust
Alison Pottle (AP)	Cardiology Nurse Consultant, Harefield Hospital (Day 2 only)
Greg Rogers (GR)	General Practitioner
Garry Swann (GS)	Consultant Nurse, Birmingham Heartlands Hospital
Maggie Westby (MW)	Clinical Effectiveness Lead, NCGC
Julie Fear (JF)	Patient/Carer Representative, Syncope Trust & Anoxic Reflex Seizures (STARS)

APOLOGIES:

Paddy Jelen (PJ)	Patient/Carer Representative
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1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

Paul Cooper welcomed members in attendance. Apologies were noted. AP is hoping to be able to attend on Day 2 of this meeting. He handed over to IB who gave the group an overview to the merger of four NCC's into one large team known as the National Clinical Guideline Centre (NCGC), hosted by the Royal College of Physicians. The team is based on two sites, London and some of the former NCC NSC team remaining in Oxford. IB thanked the group for their understanding during the three month break in development, and updated the GDG regarding new roles for Maggie Westby (Clinical Effectiveness Lead) and Sarah Davis (Health Economic Lead). The original team of IB, SD and MW supported by JP will remain with the GDG through to publication.

IB also reported to the group that RG and GR had worked on behalf of the group in attending the Epilepsy Update Stakeholder Meeting, with a decision reached by NICE not to update the clinical guideline in relation to recommendations on Diagnosis. PC, RG and IB had in response submitted a new topic for selection by NICE in an attempt to fill this gap in the guidance. The topic submitted is on the **Diagnosis of psychogenic/non epileptic seizures**, which will allow for the guidance (Epilepsy and TLOC) to be more complete in effective diagnosis of non cardiac induced loss of consciousness. SL agreed with IB to work closely with Dr Colm Leonard (NICE Topic Selection Clinical Advisor and

Lead) in advising and supporting this topic through the process. The next available meeting for this to be reviewed by the panel is in the Autumn 09. SL will feedback to IB who will continue to support the GDG subgroup in trying to advance this topic submission.

2. Minutes, declarations of interest (DoI) and matters arising

Minutes:

PC reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Asking if GDG members had any issues of accuracy or need for correction.

Matters arising:

PC informed the group that he had not invited Steve Parry to this meeting, but will forward the Tilt Test reviews to him for comment and will ensure this is reported back at GDG meeting 11.

Changes to current declarations:

Several members made new declarations and PC instructed that these should be updated on their DOI forms accordingly.

3. The following items were discussed:

- Tilt Testing (TT) Review
- Management Review
- Ambulatory ECG

End of day 1

Day 2

4. The following items were discussed:

- Ambulatory ECG review
- Carotid Sinus Massage Review
- Exercise Testing Review
- Diagnostic Testing after initial patient assessment – building the algorithm and clinically interpreting the evidence and shaping clinical recommendations

Action for all GDG members: To provide feedback to the technical team via sarah.davis@rcplondon.ac.uk regarding further suggestions or additional clinical interpretation of the evidence and how this impacts on the algorithm and evidence to recommendations summary. All responses to be submitted by 21st July 09.

Action to NCGC technical team: To circulate Draft TLOC Algorithm by 14th July 09

- **12 Lead ECG's: evidence from the epilepsy population**
- **Lead ECG's: summary of evidence and GDG discussion**

Date and time of next meeting:

Meetings 11 will be held on the 3rd September at 338 Euston Road, London (NCGC Offices).