

Rehabilitation for chronic neurological disorders (including acquired brain injury)
Meeting 17
Date: 15th November 2023

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Minutes: Draft

Committee members present:	
Ian Bernstein	Present for items 1 – 6
Rachel Keetley	Present for items 1 – 6
Emer McGilloway	Present for items 1 – 6
Jane Williams	Present for items 1 – 6
Nicholas Behn	Present for items 1 – 6
Lisa Bunn	Present for items 1 – 4
Teresa Clark	Present for items 1 – 6
Jacqueline Dean	Present for items 5 – 6
Mark Holloway	Present for items 1 – 6
Jenny Jim	Present for items 4 – 6
Caroline Jones	Present for items 1 – 4
Gaby Parker	Present for items 1 – 6
Yvonne Pettigrew	Present for items 1 – 6
Joanne Powell	Present for items 1 – 6
Geraldine (Gerry) Roxburgh	Present for items 1 – 6
Hamise Smith	Present for items 1 – 5
Sue Williams	Present for items 1 – 6

In attendance:		
Angela Bennett	Director of Guidelines	Present for items 1 – 6
Hayley Shaw	Project Manager	Present for items 1 – 6
Jen Francis	Senior Systematic Reviewer	Present for items 1 – 5
Alice Navein	Systematic Reviewer	Present for items 1 – 6
Kelly Williams	Systematic Reviewer	Present for items 1 – 6
Eric Slade	Senior Health Economist	Present for items 1 – 6
Tim Reeves	Information Scientist	Present for items 1 – 6
Clifford Middleton	Guideline Commissioning Manager	Present for items 1 – 5
Joanna Perkin	Senior Medical Editor	Present for items 1 – 6

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Maroulla Whiteley	Resource Impact Lead	Present for items 1 – 4
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Apologies:	
Parashar Ramanuj	Topic Advisor
Rachel Farrell	Neurologist
Jill Kings	Occupational therapist
Nassif Mansour	GP
Lisa Boardman	Guideline Lead
Ted Barker	Systematic Reviewer
Charlie Fairhurst	Clinical Advisor

1. Welcome and objectives of the meeting							
<p>The Chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to the 17th Guideline Committee meeting on Rehabilitation for chronic neurological disorders (including acquired brain injury). The Chair informed the committee that apologies had been received, as noted above.</p>							
2. Confirmation of matter under discussion and declarations of interest							
<p>The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matter under discussion was rehabilitation for chronic neurological disorders (including acquired brain injury). The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that have risen since the last meeting. The below declarations were made:</p>							
Name	Role	Type of interest	Description of interest	Relevant dates			Comments
				Interest arose	Interest declared	Interest ceased	
Dr Ian Bernstein	Chair	Direct - non-financial interests	I have been appointed as a standing member of the NICE Technology Appraisal Committee. NICE will pay reasonable expenses, including rail fares and hotel costs when necessary, in line with NICE's 'Non-staff reimbursement policy', to attend committee meetings and other associated meetings.	07.11.2023	06.11.2023	Ongoing	Declare and participate. Rationale: Not specific to the guideline.
Ms Teresa Clark	Committee member	Direct – non-financial	Taught health care workers at several locations about spasticity, and contracture management. Including the use of medications,	25.09.2023 - 27.09.2023 (Kings)	15.11.2023	11.10.2023	Declare and participate. Rationale: There is some

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		professional and personal interests	botulinum toxin, serial casting and splinting.	College Hospital) 10.10.2023 - 11.10.2023 (Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability)			potential overlap with the guideline in that use of botulinum toxin may be referenced in the guideline in the context of rehabilitation. Benefit of expertise likely to outweighs risks.
Ms Teresa Clark	Committee member	Direct – non-financial professional and personal interests	Spoke at a conference on prolonged disorder of consciousness about research ethics and methodology, challenges of research inclusion, and difficulties of EBM for people who lack decisional capacity.	28.09.2023	15.11.2023	28.09.2023	Declare and participate. Rationale: Specific to the guideline but unlikely to influence recommendation development and benefits outweigh the risks.
Ms Teresa Clark	Committee member	Direct – non-financial professional and personal interests	Support being given/relationship developing with Abbvie (formerly allergan) to help teach therapists under my supervision to administer botulinum toxin.	06.11.2023	15.11.2023	Ongoing	Declare and participate. Rationale: There is some potential overlap with the guideline in that use of botulinum toxin may be referenced in the guideline in the context of rehabilitation. Benefit of expertise likely to outweighs risks.

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Ms Teresa Clark	Committee member	Direct – non-financial professional and personal interests	Poster presentation at CSP conference re the use of botulinum toxin to improve sialorrhea in people with CNS (inc severe brain injuries, MND and PDOC).	01.11.2023	15.11.2023	01.11.2023	Declare and participate. Rationale: There is some potential overlap with the guideline in that use of botulinum toxin may be referenced in the guideline in the context of rehabilitation. Benefit of expertise likely to outweigh risks.
Dr Jenny Jim	Committee member	Direct - non-financial interests	Invitation to speak at University of Glasgow postgraduate course in Clinical Neuropsychology Practice (PgCert) on topic of Paediatric Neurorehabilitation Formulation.	November 2023	15.11.2023	TBC April/May 2024	Declare and participate. Rationale: Specific to guideline but benefit of expertise likely to outweigh risks.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The Chair asked the committee to confirm the minutes of the last meeting. The committee confirmed the minutes were accurate.

4. Morning presentations

The Chair introduced Jen Francis, Senior Systematic Reviewer, and Angela Bennett, Director of Guidelines, who led on a discussion on focusing the following review questions:

- 4.1 - What is the effectiveness of approaches for improving or maintaining independence in activities of daily living for people with chronic neurological disorders?
- 4.2 - What is the effectiveness of interventions and approaches for improving and sustaining physical functioning including strength, mobility and balance?

They then led on a discussion around changing the following review questions:

- 3.1 - What is the effectiveness of interventions, tools and approaches for assessing and reviewing rehabilitation needs and for formulating, agreeing and reviewing rehabilitation plans?

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- 4.6 - What is the effectiveness of holistic integrated programmes to support rehabilitation for people with chronic neurological disorders?

5. Afternoon presentations

The Chair re-introduced Jen Francis, Senior Systematic Reviewer, and Angela Bennett, Director of Guidelines, who led on a discussion around recommendations likely to be made from review question 4.7: What is the effectiveness of self-management interventions within rehabilitation for chronic neurological disorders?

6. Any other Business

The Chair closed the meeting at 16:10.

Location and date of next meeting:

In-person at NICE's London office, Friday
8th December 2023.