

Falls: Assessment and Prevention in older people and people 50 and over at higher risk

Committee meeting 6

Date: 28 June 2023

Location: Virtual meeting

Minutes: Draft

Committee members present:	
Margaret Lally (ML) Chair	Present for items 1 – 7
Daniel Mac Intyre (DMI)	Present for items 5 – 7
Julie Whitney (JW)	Present for items 1 – 7
Tun Aung: (TA)	Present for items 1 – 7
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Catherine Ruane (CR)	Present for items 1 – 7
Christina Heaton (CH)	Present for items 1 – 4
Jennifer Farren (JF)	Present for items 1 – 6
Michelle Manzie (MM)	Present for items 1 – 7
Andrew Clegg (AC) (Cooptee)	Present for items 1 – 3, and 5 – 7
David Tomlinson (DT) (Cooptee)	Present for items 6– 7

In attendance NICE:		
Annette Chalker (ACh)	Technical Analyst	Present for items 1 – 7
Gill Ritchie (GR)	Guideline Lead	Present for items 1 – 7
Julie Neilson (JN)	Senior Research Fellow	Present for items 1 – 7
Qudsia Malik (QM)	Technical Analyst	Present for items 1 – 7
Rupert Franklin (RF)	Guideline commissioning manager	Present for items 1 – 7
Sarah Palombella (SP)	Senior Medical Editor	Present for items 1 – 7
Sophia Kemmis-Betty (SKB)	Health Economics Lead	Present for items 1 – 7
Steph Armstrong (SA)	Senior Technical Analyst (Economics)	Present for items 1 – 7
Tamara Diaz (TD)	Project Manager	Present for items 1 – 7
Zhixin Zhang	NICE Observer	Present for items 1 – 7

Apologies:
Julie Blake
Jennifer Simper
Cathy Baldwin
Charlotte Allan
Heather Smith (Cooptee)

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the sixth meeting on the Falls (Assessment and Prevention in older people and people 50 and over at higher risk) guideline. Apologies are noted above. Qudsia Malik, new technical analyst assigned to the technical team was introduced to the Committee. This meeting was observed by Zhixin Zhang.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included consideration of the following evidence review:

- Q 4.1b What are the most clinically and cost-effective interventions for falls prevention in older people in residential care settings?

2. Confirmation of matter under discussion, and declarations of interest

The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matters under discussion included the above. Declarations raised on the day are listed below:

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Nil	No new declarations	Nil	Nil	Nil

The Chair and a senior member of the Developer's team confirmed that interests noted on the register did not prevent attendees from fully participating in meeting discussions. A previous declaration from Julie Whitney was for a study on multifactorial interventions. The group was asked to note that this would be included in the evidence today as part of a Cochrane review to be presented. As this is part of a large body of evidence on multifactorial interventions it was decided no action was needed other than process of open declaration, and JW would participate in discussions.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The committee confirmed the minutes and notes of GC meeting 5 as accurate. The actions from meeting 5 were reviewed and updates provided.

4. Methods: Minimum important differences and clinical importance. Interpreting forest plots

JN delivered a presentation on Minimum important differences and clinical importance. JW delivered a presentation on interpreting forest plots.

**5. Evidence review: what are the most clinically effective and cost-effective methods for falls prevention in older people in hospital-based care settings?
Final interventions and draft recommendations.**

The group reviewed the summary of their discussions of the presentation to date and revised the drafted recommendations.

6. Evidence review: what are the most clinically effective and cost-effective methods for falls prevention in older people in residential care settings?

ACh and SA delivered the clinical and health economic presentations for this review question. As the last hour of the meeting was not quorate the Chair summarised the evidence and noted areas for possible recommendations to be discussed with the whole committee at a future meeting.

7. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting ended at 3:18 p.m.

Date of next meeting: 09 August 2023

Location of next meeting: Virtual meeting