

Fertility problems committee meeting 10

Date: 06/12/2023

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:	
Fergus Macbeth	Present for notes 1-6
Raj Mathur	Present for notes 1-6
Nicky Hudson	Present for notes 1-4
Kate Brian	Present for notes 1-6
Jason Kasraie	Present for notes 3-6
Ciaran Hannington	Present for notes 1-5
Maj Shabbir	Present for notes 1-6
Stuart Lavery	Present for notes 1-6
Guy Morris	Present for notes 1-6
Allan Pacey	Present for notes 5-6
Yasmin Rahman	Present for notes 1-6
Kevin McEleny	Present for notes 1-6
Francesca Steyn	Present for notes 1-6
Peter Taylor	Present for notes 1-6

In attendance:		
Maija Kallioinen	Guideline Lead	Present for notes 1-6
Esther Clifford	Project Manager	Present for notes 1-6
Odette Megnin-Viggars	Senior Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Laura Berg	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-5
Ceri Williams	Information Scientist	Present for notes 3-6
Rachel Connolly	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Rebecca Blackburn	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Paul Jacklin	Senior Health Economist	Present for notes 1-6
Agnesa Mehmeti	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Aye Paing	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Stephen Murphy	Clinical Adviser	Present for notes 1-6
Clifford Middleton	Commissioning Manager	Present for notes 1-4
Philip Williams	Resource Impact Business Analyst	Present for notes 1-6

Rachel Cutting	HFEA Adviser	Present for notes 1-6
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Apologies	
Bethan Shoemark-Spear	Lay Member
Sarah Palombella	Editor

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to the 10th meeting of the fertility guideline update.

The Chair informed the committee that apologies had been received as noted above.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting which included looking at review questions and protocols.

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

The Chair confirmed that, for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest, the matter under discussion was fertility problems.

The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that had arisen since the last meeting. Three new interests were declared:

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Ciaran Hannington	Lay member	<p>Paid employment for developing personal training programmes for men preparing for fertility treatments. Record videos, blogs and training plans centered around fitness support for fertility, to provide guidance to men going through fertility journeys to improve their fitness whilst ensuring this fitness plan doesn't have a detrimental effect on their fertility.</p> <p>Previously done this for free but I have now begun to charge for my services (November 2023).</p> <p>Several partnerships are being developed currently.</p>	Direct Financial	Declare and partial exclusion (member to not take part in recommendation making if/when diet, exercise and lifestyle interventions are considered).

		Will notify when confirmed. Declared November 2023		
Ciaran Hannington	Lay member	Podcast host for “The Male Fertility Podcast”. Sponsored by Exseed Health. Declared November 2023	Direct Financial	Declare and participate
Maj Shabbir	GC Member – Early Member	Honorarium and travel expenses received for teaching activity gave a talk on male fertility issues, ‘Clinical andrology: from assessment to treatment’, at Merck-sponsored event called Next Gen. The talk covered how take a salient history and examination in men with fertility issues, and how to assess and improve their general health and with it their fertility (i.e stop smoking, treat diabetes, lose weight, improve diet). It included the standard surgical approaches which are used to treat obstruction and to retrieve sperm and did not promote any pharmaceutical products. Declared 03.11.23	Direct Financial	Declare and participate

3. Minutes of last meeting

The committee confirmed they were happy with the minutes from the 9th committee meeting.

4. Presentations

The Chair introduced Maija Kallioinen, Guideline Lead who gave an update on the guideline development.

The Chair introduced Rachel Connolly, Systematic Reviewer, who led discussion around RQ 3.5.1 on Advanced sperm selection techniques.

The Chair introduced Rachel Connolly, Systematic Reviewer, who presented RQ 2.1.1 evidence report: What is the association between markers of ovarian reserve and: the likelihood of spontaneous conception, the response to fertility treatment, and the outcome of fertility treatment?

The Chair introduced Rachel Connolly, Systematic Reviewer, who presented RQ 3.4.1 evidence report: What is the effectiveness of intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) versus

standard in vitro fertilisation (IVF) in non-male factor fertility problems?

The Chair introduced Maija Kallioinen, Guideline Lead, who led on guideline edits.

5. Questions and discussion

The committee discussed recommendations on advanced sperm selection techniques, discussion to be continued.

The committee discussed the evidence for RQ 2.1.1 and agreed on draft recommendations.

The committee discussed the evidence for RQ 3.4.1 and agreed on draft recommendations.

The committee discussed the edits to be made to the draft recommendations.

6. Any other business

The Chair closed the meeting at 16:00 and reminded the committee that the next meeting will be held virtually on Zoom.

Date of next meeting: 17 January 2024.

Location of next meeting: Via Zoom