

Fertility problems committee meeting 9

Date: 11/10/2023

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 1-6
Kate Brian	Present for notes 1-6
Ciaran Hannington	Present for notes 1-6
Maj Shabbir	Present for notes 1-6
Guy Morris	Present for notes 1-6
Allan Pacey	Present for notes 1-6
Yasmin Rahman	Present for notes 1-6
Kevin McEleny	Present for notes 1-6
Bethan Shoemark-Spear	Present for notes 1-6
Peter Taylor	Present for notes 1-6

In attendance:		
Hilary Eadon	Guideline Lead	Present for notes 1-6
Esther Clifford	Project Manager	Present for notes 1-6
Maija Kallioinen	Guideline Lead	Present for notes 1-6
Odette Megnin-Viggars	Senior Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Laura Berg	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Ceri Williams	Information Scientist	Present for notes 1-6
Rachel Connolly	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-6
Paul Jacklin	Senior Health Economist	Present for notes 1-6
Sarah Palombella	Editor	Present for notes 1-6
Stephen Murphy	Clinical Adviser	Present for notes 1-6
Clifford Middleton	Commissioning Manager	Present for notes 1-6
Philip Williams	Resource Impact Business Analyst	Present for notes 1-6
Clare Ettinghausen	HFEA Adviser	Present for notes 1-4

Apologies	
Stuart Lavery	GC member
Jason Kasraie	GC member
Francesca Steyn	GC member
Katriona O'Donoghue	NICE Systematic Reviewer

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to the 9th 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. One new interest was declared:

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Professor Nicky Hudson	GC Member – Academic in the field of assistive reproductive technology, Professor in Medical Sociology – De Montfort University	I have been invited to join the external review panel for a university-funded research programme on human reproduction at the University of Zurich: University Research Priority Programs University of Zurich UZH This is a one off review (taking place over 2 days, unless re-invited) and there is an honorarium associated with this role. It will take place in March	Direct Financial	Declare and participate

		2024. Declared 10/10/2023		
3. Minutes of last meeting				
The committee confirmed they were happy with the minutes from the 8 th committee meeting.				
4. Presentations				
<p>The Chair introduced Rachel Connolly, Systematic Reviewer, who presented RQ 4.1.1 protocol: What is the success rate, and which factors affect the outcome, of fertility preservation for children and adults undergoing treatment for cancer and other conditions or situations which are likely to impair their fertility?</p> <p>The Chair introduced Laura Berg, Systematic Reviewer, who presented RQ 2.1.3 evidence report: What is the effectiveness of hysteroscopy in improving outcomes for women with fertility problems?</p> <p>The Chair introduced Odette Megnin-Viggars, Senior Systematic Reviewer, who presented RQ 2.2.3a protocol: What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of tubal surgery (as a standalone treatment) compared to expectant management or in vitro fertilisation (IVF) for fertility problems associated with tubal disease?</p> <p>The Chair introduced Odette Megnin-Viggars, Senior Systematic Reviewer, who presented RQ 2.2.3b protocol: What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of surgery for hydrosalpinges prior to assisted reproductive technology (ART), relative to standard ART without prior surgical optimisation, for people with tubal disease?</p> <p>The Chair introduced Odette Megnin-Viggars, Senior Systematic Reviewer, who presented RQ 2.2.3c protocol: What is the likelihood of spontaneous conception associated with selective salpingography with tubal catheterisation or hysteroscopic tubal cannulation, for the evaluation and treatment of proximal tubal obstruction?</p> <p>The Chair introduced Odette Megnin-Viggars, Senior Systematic Reviewer, who presented RQ 2.2.3d protocol: What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of hysteroscopic septum resection compared to expectant management for people with fertility problems associated with a septate uterus?</p>				
5. Questions and discussion				
<p>The committee discussed the protocol for RQ 4.1.1 and agreed on the inclusion and exclusion criteria e.g. the population, intervention and outcome. The committee also agreed on what subgroups would be considered.</p> <p>The committee discussed the evidence for RQ 2.1.3 and discussed possible draft recommendations for this question.</p> <p>The committee discussed the protocol for RQ 2.2.3a. The committee agreed the population and potential subgroups for the questions, the relevant interventions and comparison and what measures would indicate effectiveness.</p> <p>The committee discussed the protocol for RQ 2.2.3b. The committee agreed the population and potential subgroups for the questions, the relevant interventions and comparison and</p>				

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The committee discussed the protocol for RQ 2.2.3c and agreed the population and potential subgroups for the questions, the relevant interventions and comparison and what measures would indicate effectiveness.

The committee discussed the protocol for RQ 2.2.3d and agreed the population and potential subgroups for the questions, the relevant interventions and comparison and what measures would indicate effectiveness.

6. Any other business

The Chair closed the meeting at 15.40 and reminded the committee that the next meeting will be held virtually on Zoom.

Date of next meeting: 6 December 2023

Location of next meeting: Via Zoom