

**Sepsis: Recognition, assessment and early management guideline (update)
GCOMM3 minutes**

Sepsis: recognition, assessment and early management – Scoping and protocol meeting

Date: 24/09/2024

Location: Virtual and in-person

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:		
Ann Hoskins (Chair)		Present for notes 1 – 6
Mervyn Singer (Topic Adviser)		Present for notes 1 – 6
Sam Alimam		Present for notes 1 – 6
Louise Bradbury		Present for notes 1 – 6
Tumena Corrah		Present for notes 1 – 6
Peter Gosling		Present for notes 1 – 6
Alasdair Gray		Present for notes 1 – 6
Jeremy Henning		Present for notes 1 – 6
Tessa Lewis		Present for notes 1 – 6
Paddy McMaster		Present for notes 1 – 6
Barry Murphy-Jones		Present for notes 1 – 6
Marlies Ostermann		Present for notes 1 – 6
Ashley Reed		Present for notes 1 – 6
Giovanni Satta		Present for notes 1 – 6
Mervin Singer		Present for notes 1 – 6
Kirstie Tomlinson		Present for notes 1 – 6

NICE team in attendance:		
Robby Richey	Topic Lead	Present for notes 1 – 6
Astrid Aregui	Senior Guidance Content Designer	Present for notes 1 – 6
Lindsay Claxton	Technical Adviser, Health Economics	Present for notes 1 – 6
Anthony Gildea	Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 – 6
Benjamin Gregory	Finance/Business Analyst	Present for notes 1 – 6
James Hall	Senior Guidance Content Designer	Present for notes 1 – 6
James Jagroo	Senior Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 – 6
Jon Littler	Project Manager	Present for notes 1 – 6
Kirsty Luckham	Health Economist	Present for notes 1 – 6

Apologies:	
Martin Allaby	NICE Consultant Clinical Adviser
Samina Begum	Committee member

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Lee-Yee Chong	NICE Technical Analyst
Emma McFarlane	NICE Technical Adviser

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Committee Chair, Ann Hoskins (AH) welcomed the committee to day 1 of the third committee meeting for the latest update to the Sepsis guideline. In addition, she welcomed Sam Aliman who had been newly recruited as a.

AH then asked if the committee had any new interests to declare that had not already been recorded on the recently circulated register. The following new interest was declared:

Name	Job title, organisation	Interest	Date declared	Type of interest
Ashley Reed	Consultant Practitioner (paramedic)	Principal Investigator on research study – DrUBER: Drone Network for Medical Emergency Delivery.	23/09/2024	Non-financial – Personal/professional;
Ashley Reed	Consultant Practitioner (paramedic)	Professional Doctorate student with Salford University	23/09/2024	Non-financial – Personal/professional;

These interests were not deemed a conflict for this meeting.

Finally, the committee were asked to review the minutes from the previous meeting. They agreed that they were an accurate record of the discussion points.

AH then moved the meeting on to the first main item on the agenda.

2. Evidence presentation – Review questions 5.1 and 5.2

AH introduced Anthony Gildea (Technical Analyst, AG) who presented evidence to the committee that would be used to support the recommendations they would make on the following review question:

Clinical and cost effectiveness of type of IV fluids/different volumes and rates of IV fluids for resuscitation in people aged 16 or over with suspected sepsis.

3. Evidence presentation (continued) – Review questions 5.1 and 5.2

AG continued with his presentation, taking questions from committee members when possible.

AH then introduced Kirsty Luckham (Health Economist, KL) to give a brief presentation on the economic evidence supporting the review question.

AH thanked both AG and KL for their clear and concise presentation work and moved on to the next item on the agenda where recommendations would be drafted.

4. Evidence presentation (continued) – Review questions 5.1 and 5.2

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With support from the NICE team, and suggestions from AG, AH asked the committee to begin drafting recommendations for the IV fluids review question.

5. Protocol discussion – review question 6

AH introduced Robby Richey (Topic Lead, RR) who led a discussion to re-approach the review protocol for question 6:

In people aged 16 or over with suspected sepsis, what is the most clinically and cost-effective type, timing and route of administration of vasopressors?

In light of new searches, RR asked the committee to assist in drafting changes to this protocol that would ultimately. After taking suggestions from the committee, AH thanked RR and the NICE team for their work in preparing suggestions for the re-drafted protocol and moved on to the final item of the day.

6. AOB, Summary and next steps

JL advised the committee that the updated recommendations drafted from this meeting would be sent to them for further review within 2 weeks. He then also advised of the date for the next committee, which was on the following day.

AH then thanked everyone for their attendance, in person or otherwise, and their contributions and closed the meeting.

Date of next meeting: 25 September 2024

Location of next meeting: Virtual