

Intrapartum Care for High-Risk Women – Obstetric Complications Committee Meeting

Date: 23 & 24 May 2017

Location: RCOG, London

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:		
Rhona Hughes (Chair) (RH) (from 10.30 on day 1, all day on day 2)		(Present for notes 3 – 6)
Alena Chong (ACh)		(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Aung Soe (AS) (10.00 -13.15 on day 1 in person, 10.00 – 12.45 on day 2 via telephone)		(Present for notes 1 – 5)
Charlotte Kuponiyi (CK)		(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Jenny Myers (JM)		(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Leanne Stamp (LS)		(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Margaret Mathews (MMa)		(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Mark Kilby (MK) (from 10.30 on day 1, all day on day 2)		(Present for notes 3 – 6)
Michael Weisz (MW)		(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Philip Barclay (PB)		(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Sarah Fishburn (SF)		(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Tracey Cooper (TC) (day 2 only)		(Present for notes 4 – 6)
In attendance:		
Anne Carty (ACa)	Project Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Laura Kuznetsov (LK)	Systematic Reviewer	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Rami Cosulich (RC)	Systematic Reviewer	(Present for notes 1 – 6)
Melanie Davies (MD) (from 14.00 on day 1 only)	Clinical Advisor	(Present for notes 4 – 5)
Moira Mugglestone (MMu) (from 13.30 on day 1, all day on day 2)	Director of Methodology and Guideline Lead	(Present for notes 4 – 6)
Timothy Reeves (TR) (for discussion of protocols)	Information Scientist	(Present for notes 3 – 4)

Apologies:	
Heidi Beddall (HB)	Committee member
Paul Jacklin (PJ)	Senior Health Economist

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1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

In the Chair's absence, MMA welcomed the Committee and technical team to the tenth meeting for Intrapartum Care for High-Risk Women – Obstetric Complications.

MMA informed the Committee that apologies had been received as noted above.

MMA outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included the following:

- finalising review protocols for questions on management for women with sepsis in the first 24 hours after birth, the use of anti-pyretics and fetal blood sampling in women with pyrexia, and the information needs of women at high risk of adverse outcomes in labour due to obstetric complications
- discussion of the evidence and drafting recommendations for analgesia for women with sepsis and fetal monitoring for women with sepsis.

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

MMA confirmed that for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest the matter under discussion was intrapartum care for women at high risk of adverse outcomes because of obstetric complications. The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that had arisen since the last meeting and to remind the Committee of any interests declared previously that had a bearing on the matters to be discussed at the meeting.

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest	Type of interest	Decision taken
Charlotte Kuponiyi	Consultant Midwife, King's College London NHS Foundation Trust	Member of the MBRRACE confidential enquiry group – Chapter on intrapartum stillbirths	Personal, non-financial specific	Declare and participate
Sarah Fishburn	Lay member	Lay member of Midwifery Thought Leadership Group developing new standards for midwifery (unpaid role but receives travel and expenses reimbursement)	Personal, financial specific	Declare and participate

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MMA and a senior member of the Developer's team noted that the interests declared did not prevent the attendees from participating fully in the meeting.

3. Minutes of last meeting

MMA asked the Committee if it wanted any changes made to the minutes of the last meeting. The Committee agreed that the draft minutes were a true and accurate account of the meeting.

4. Presentations

MMA introduced LKu to the Committee who presented the review protocols for "What is the optimal mode of birth (emergency caesarean section or continuation of labour) for women with breech presenting in the first or second stage of labour?" and "What maternal and fetal monitoring should be carried out for women in labour after 42 weeks of pregnancy?". LKu also presented the evidence for anaesthesia for women with sepsis in labour and fetal monitoring for women with sepsis in labour. LKu took questions from the Committee.

The Chair introduced RC to the Committee who presented the review protocols for "What is the optimal mode of birth (emergency caesarean section or continuation of labour) for women with a large for gestational age baby?", "What are the most appropriate systems for risk assessment and management of labour for women who present in labour having had no antenatal care?", "What maternal and fetal monitoring should be carried out for women in labour after 42 weeks of pregnancy?", "How should the first and second stages of labour be managed for women with previous caesarean section?" and "How should fetal monitoring be managed during labour for women with a small-for-gestational age baby?". RC took questions from the Committee.

5. Questions and discussion

The Committee discussed and finalised the review protocols for management for women with sepsis in the first 24 hours after birth, the use of anti-pyretics and fetal blood sampling in women with pyrexia, and the information needs of women at high risk of adverse outcomes in labour due to obstetric complications.

The Committee discussed the evidence for anaesthesia for women with sepsis in labour and made recommendations based on this.

The Committee discussed the evidence for fetal monitoring for women with sepsis in labour and decided to defer making recommendations until they had heard the evidence for fetal blood sampling and women with pyrexia.

The Committee discussed queries in the evidence report for analgesia for women

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with sepsis.

The Committee discussed areas of the scope where might differing opinions might be expected from registered stakeholders.

6. Any other business

There was no other business. The Chair reminded the Committee that the next meeting would be held on 4 July 2017 at the RCOG.

Date of next meeting: 4 July 2017

Location of next meeting: RCOG, London