

**Managing common infections NICE guideline  
Leg ulcer infection: antimicrobial prescribing (Meeting 3)  
Minutes**

**Date:** 08/10/19  
**Location:** NICE Office, Manchester  
**Minutes:** Final

<b>Committee members present:</b>	
Tessa Lewis – Chair (TL)	Present for items 1 - 5
Philip Howard (PH)	Present for items 1 - 5
Amelia Joseph (AJ)	Present for items 1 - 5
Marisa Lanzman (ML)	Present for items 1 - 5
John Morris (JM)	Present for items 1 - 5
Mitul Patel (MP)	Present for items 1 - 5
Carole Pitkeathley (CP)	Present for items 1 - 5
Tang Shim (TS)	Present for items 1 - 5
Avril Tucker (AT)	Present for items 1 - 5
Caroline Ward (CW)	Present for items 1 - 5

<b>Expert witness:</b>	
Brenda King (BK)	Present for items 1 - 5

<b>In attendance (NICE):</b>	
Alex Curwen (AC)	Present for items 1 - 5
Rupert Franklin (RF)	Present for items 1 - 5
Ruth Garnett (RG)	Present for items 1 - 5
Albany Meikle (AM)	Present for items 1 - 5
Greg Moran (GM)	Present for items 1 - 5
Louise Picton (LP)	Present for items 1 - 5
Ian Pye (IP)	Present for items 1 - 5
Jonathan Underhill (JU)	Present for items 1 - 5

<b>Apologies</b>
Sheila Burston, Stephanie Dancer, Alastair Hay, Ian Hill-Smith, Susan Hopkins

## 1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

The chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to leg ulcer infection meeting 3 of the public health advisory committee D (managing common infections committee). The committee members and attendees introduced themselves.

IP explained that BK was attending the meeting to provide the committee with clinical experience in this field by answering questions via the chair. The development team will be taking detailed notes on her responses to questions, which will then be sent to BK for ratification ahead of publication as expert witness testimony. This will form part of the evidence post-consultation.

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

The chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included:

- Discussion of consultation comments and agreement of recommendations for guidance on the treatment of leg ulcer infection: antimicrobial prescribing

## 2. Declaration of interests

The chair asked the committee to declare any new or relevant interests

Committee members		
Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest
Albany Meikle	Technical Analyst, NICE	Father employed by and holds shares in pharmaceutical company F. Hoffmann-La Roche
Mitul Patel	Consultant Microbiologist and Clinical Lead (Microbiology), Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Trust. Consultant Microbiologist, Birmingham Women's Hospital NHS Trust	Co-applicant for a Wellcome Trust research grant application with University of Wolverhampton for a study looking at streptococcal pneumonia serotypes and outcomes. No personal financial benefits involved.

Expert witness		
Brenda King	Nurse Consultant Tissue Viability and Co-lead of the lower limb ulcer pathway (within National Wound Care Strategy Programme) Sheffield Teaching Hospitals	Wound Care Connections - Director  Working as consultancy and education advice for wound care manufacturers and advisory board.  Coroners expert witness work.

The chair and a senior member of the NICE Development team (NDT) noted that the interests declared did not prevent the attendees from participating in the meeting at the chair's discretion. As an expert witness, BK could be conflicted providing the committee was aware of the conflict. Expert witnesses are not members of the committee; they do not have voting rights, and they should not be involved in the final decisions or influence the wording of recommendations.

### **3. Discussion of consultation comments and agreement of recommendations for guidance on the treatment of leg ulcer infection: antimicrobial prescribing**

GM delivered a key themes presentation of stakeholder and expert reviewer comments. The draft guideline was displayed, and the content discussed in relation to comments received. RG made notes on an electronic version.

The committee discussed the comments received and presented to them, and asked BK questions to gain further insight into current clinical practice. The committee agreed changes to the guideline in response to the comments received.

### **4. Discussion of consultation comments and agreement of recommendations for guidance on the treatment of leg ulcer infection: antimicrobial prescribing (continued)**

GM continued his key themes presentation of stakeholder and expert reviewer comments.

The committee discussed the comments received and presented to them, and asked BK questions to gain further insight into current clinical practice. The committee agreed changes to the guideline in response to the comments received.

TL thanked Brenda for attending the meeting and for her invaluable contributions.

<b>5. Any other business</b>
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No additional items were raised. The meeting closed at 13.07
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