

VTE Diseases Committee meeting

Date: 08/05/2018

Location: NICE – Manchester

Minutes: Final



Committee members present:	
Susan Bewley (SB) (Chair)	Present for all
Frances Akor (FA)	Present for all
Julia Anderson (JA)	Present for all
Michelle Greene (MG)	Present for all
Sam Hare (SH)	Present for all
Carol Hooper (CH)	Present for all
Daniel Horner (DH)	Present for all
Nigel Langford (NL)	Present for all
Terry McCormack (TM)	Present for all
Simon McPherson (SM)	Present for all
Hazel Trender (HT)	Present for all
Astrid Ullrich-Boereboom (AU)	Present for all

In attendance:		
Elizabeth Barrett (EB)	NICE – Information Specialist	Present for all
Jessica Fielding (JF)	NICE – Public Involvement Adviser	Present for item 5
Kathryn Hopkins (KH)	GUT – Technical Adviser	Present for all
Thomas Jarratt (TJ)	GUT – Technical Analyst	Present for all
Ben Johnson (BJ)	NICE – Health Economist	Present for all
Justine Karpusheff (JK)	NICE – Guidelines Commissioning Manager	Present for all
Bernadette Li (BL)	NICE – Technical Adviser (HE)	Present for all
Adam O'Keefe (AO)	GUT – Project Manager	Present for all

Apologies:	
Karen Sheares	Committee member

Ian Mather	NICE – Business Analyst
Susan Spiers	NICE – Associate Director

Observers:		
Clare Dadswell	GUT – Technical Analyst	Present for all
Katie Stafford	NICE – Guidelines Coordinator	Present for items 1-7

<p>1. Introductions and guideline committee working</p> <p>The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the first meeting on VTE diseases. The Committee members and attendees introduced themselves. The Chair informed the Committee that apologies had been received from those listed above.</p> <p>The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions; committee & NICE staff • Role of the chair, committee, Guideline Commissioning Manager, Public Involvement Programme and Project Manager • Introduction to literature searching, health economics and developing review protocols, evidence reviews and drafting recommendations. Development of a number of review protocols • Initial discussion around identifying priorities for health economic analysis • A short clinical introduction to the topics being discussed at the next meeting <p>The Chair gave a presentation which was an introduction to guideline committee working including the role of Chair and the committee, and an overview of the process of guideline development.</p> <p>The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests. The following new interests were declared:</p>
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Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Hazel Trender	Senior Vascular Nurse Specialist, Sheffield Vascular Institute, Northern General Hospital	Registration fee for Venous Forum meeting paid by Urgo (wound company)	Direct, financial (Registration fee only)	No action other than the process of open declaration

Having reviewed the registry of previous declarations, the Chair noted that the interests declared did not prevent the attendees from fully participating in the meeting.

2. Role of the Guideline Commissioning Manager

The Chair then introduced JK, who delivered a presentation which outlined the role of the NICE Guidelines Commissioning Manager. JK also provided a context for the development of clinical guidelines within NICE as a wider organisation.

3. Resource Impact Assessment

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

4. Role of the Project Manager & expenses

The Chair introduced AO, who presented an outline of the Project Manager role and also reiterated some of the key points relating to declarations of interest. AO then advised the committee on how to arrange travel and accommodation and claim expenses.

5. Public Involvement Programme presentation

The Chair introduced JF, who gave a presentation on the Public Involvement Programme and the role and value of lay committee members.

6. Guideline development

The Chair introduced TJ, who delivered a presentation which gave an introduction to: formulating review protocols, literature searching; and answering review questions (including drafting recommendations). KH then provided a summary of the scope for the VTE diseases guideline.

7. Review protocols and review question confirmation

TJ and KH worked with the committee to finalise the following review questions and agree review protocols for the following review questions:

1.1 In people with suspected DVT, what is the diagnostic accuracy of age-adjusted D-dimer tests compared with D-dimer tests without age adjustment?

1.2 In people with suspected DVT, what is the diagnostic accuracy of point-of-care D-dimer tests compared with laboratory tests to identify DVT?

1.3 What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of different pharmacological treatments for people with suspected DVT prior to confirmed diagnosis?

2.1 In people with suspected PE, what is the diagnostic accuracy of the pulmonary embolism rule-out criteria (PERC)?

2.2 In people with suspected PE, what is the diagnostic accuracy of age-adjusted D-dimer tests compared with D-dimer tests without age adjustment?

2.3 In people with suspected PE, what is the diagnostic accuracy of point-of-care D-dimer tests compared with laboratory tests to identify PE?

Due to time constraints, the committee agreed to review and agree the remaining review protocols at the next meeting.

8. Health economics in guideline development and priority setting

The Chair introduced BJ, who provided a brief introduction to contextualise health economics in guideline development before leading an initial health economics discussion to get a steer from the committee about which area(s) it thinks would benefit most from original HE work.

9. Clinical introduction to first Review Questions – D-dimer testing

JA presented a brief clinical introduction on the topic of D-dimer testing for the benefit of the committee and NICE team. The Chair thanked JA for her presentation.

10. AOB

There was no other business.

11. Summary and next steps

AO confirmed the venue, date and time of the next meeting, as detailed below.

The Chair thanked the committee and others present for their contribution to the

meeting before closing the meeting.

Date of next meeting: Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th June 2018

Location of next meeting: NICE - Manchester