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Atrial fibrillation (update) Committee meeting 6

Date: 13/05/2019

Location: Boardroom, Royal College of Physicians, London

Minutes: Confirmed

NICE National Institute for
Health and Care Excellence

Committee members present:		
Simon Mackenzie (SM) [Chair]		(Present for notes 1 – 7)
Neil Andrews (NA) [Topic advisor]		(Present for notes 1 – 7)
Matthew Bates (MB)		(Present for notes 1 – 7)
Antony Chuter (AC)		(Present for notes 1 – 7)
Nazish Khan (NK)		(Present for notes 1 – 7)
Paulus Kirchhof (PK)		(Present for notes 4 – 7)
Gerry Lee (GL)		(Present for notes 4 – 7)
Thomas McAnea (TM)		(Present for notes 1 – 7)
Irene McGill (IM)		(Present for notes 1 – 7)
Chakravarthi Rajkumar (CR)		(Present for notes 1 – 7)
Yohan Samarasinghe (YS)		(Present for notes 1 – 7)
Jaspal Taggar (JT)		(Present for notes 1 – 7)
Keith Tyndall (KT)		(Present for notes 1 – 7)
Narain Moorjani (NM) [co-opted topic expert]		(Present for notes 4 – 7)

In attendance:		
Catrina Charlton (CC)	NICE Guideline Commissioning Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 7)
Sharon Swain (SS)	Guideline Lead	(Present for notes 1 – 7)
Mark Perry (MP)	Senior Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 7)
Nicole Downes (ND)	Research Fellow	(Present for notes 1 – 7)
Sophia Kemmis Betty (SKB)	Senior Health Economist	(Present for notes 1 – 7)
Joe Runicles (JR)	Information Specialist	(Present for note 6)
Giulia Zuodar (GZ)	Project Manager	(Present for notes 1 – 7)

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1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the sixth meeting on Atrial fibrillation (update). The Committee members and attendees introduced themselves.

The Chair informed the Committee that no apologies were received.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included reviewing the committee's discussion for stopping anticoagulation, presenting the evidence for non-ablative and ablative therapies, and discussing the protocol on treating AF after cardiothoracic surgery.

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 stopping anticoagulation, non-ablative and ablative therapies, and treating AF after cardiothoracic surgery.

No new declarations were received. AC advised that he had been named in a newspaper article which alleged that industry had improperly influenced a Pain charity of which he is Chair. SS and SM said they discussed the matter with AC and CC ahead of the meeting and agreed that there was no conflict of interest related to this committee's work at this stage. Although AC had offered to withdraw from today's meeting SS, CC and SM recommended that this is not necessary and the committee accepted that recommendation.

The Chair and a senior member of the Developer's team noted that the interests previously declared prevented PK from fully participating in the meeting. It was agreed that PK would withdraw from the discussion on stopping anticoagulation. It was noted that PK would be conflicted for non-ablative rate control therapies. However, the committee would not agree recommendations related to this today and therefore PK was allowed to participate in discussions of the evidence.

3. Committee's discussion of the evidence: stopping anticoagulation

The GC presented the 'committee discussion of the evidence' for stopping anticoagulation and agreed to draft recommendations.

PK did not attend for this item as outlined in section 2 above.

4. Evidence review: non-ablative therapies

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ND and SKB presented the evidence for non-ablative therapies.

The Committee discussed the evidence.

5. Evidence review: ablative therapies

MP and SKB presented the evidence for ablative therapies.

The Committee discussed the evidence.

6. Protocols

MP gave a presentation on the protocol for treating AF after cardiothoracic surgery.

The Committee discussed the protocol and were given an opportunity to ask questions.

7. Any other business

None.

Date of next meeting: 24/06/2019

Location of next meeting: Boardroom, Royal College of Physicians, London