

Metastatic spinal cord compression Guideline Committee Meeting 2

Date: 6th October 2021

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:	
Stephen Murphy	Present for notes 1-2, 4-8
Nick Haden	Present for notes 1-8
Charalampia Kyriakou	Present for notes 1-8
Clare Greenbaum	Present for notes 1-8
Richard Roope	Present for notes 1-8
Kaushik Ghosh	Present for notes 1-8
Ananya Choudhury	Present for notes 1-6

In attendance:		
Melissa Bolessa	NGA Project Manager	Present for notes 1-8
Katharina Dworzynski	NGA Guideline Lead	Present for notes 1-8
Nathan Bromham	NGA Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-8
Sharandeep Bhogal	NGA Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-8
James Hawkins	NGA Senior Health Economist	Present for notes 1-8
Sarah Stockton	NGA Senior Information Scientist	Present for notes 1-8
Tim Reeves	NGA Information Scientist	Present for notes 1-8
Catrina Charlton	NICE Guideline Commissioning Manager	Present for notes 1-8

Apologies:	
Paul Euson (Committee Chair)	
Suzanne Renwick (Lay member)	
Aniket Tavare (New GC member)	
Claire Shanahan (New GC member)	
Edward Dyson (NGA Clinical Fellow)	

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the 2nd guideline committee meeting on Metastatic spinal cord compression.

The Chair informed the Committee of the apologies received, which are noted above.

The Chair reminded all present that the Committee is independent and advisory, that its decisions and recommendations to NICE do not represent final NICE guidance, and that they may be changed as a result of public consultation.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting and discussed the meeting etiquette for the virtual meeting.

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

GC members were asked to submit any new declarations to the Project Manager after the meeting.

Name	Role	Declaration of interest	Type of interest	Decision taken
Richard Roope	GC member	Member of Advisory Panel for Paper on the Impact of Covid on Cancer Services and developing Recovery Plan. Honorarium Paid 4.5.2021	Direct, Financial interest	Declare and participate.

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

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were approved and accurate, no amendments were made.

4. Presentations

Morning presentations

The Chair introduced Katharina Dworzynski, NGA Guideline Lead who gave a presentation to the committee on Topic groups. Katharina Dworzynski took questions from the group. The Chair thanked Katharina for her presentation.

James Hawkins, NGA Senior Economist was introduced to the committee, who gave a presentation on Health Economic Priorities, discussing and agreeing topics for

economic analysis. James Hawkins took questions from the group. The group thanked James for his presentation.

The Chair introduced Nathan Bromham, NGA Senior Systematic Reviewer and Nick Haden, NGA Topic Adviser gave a presentation on Protocol for draft review question: 6.4 How effective are invasive interventions, such as vertebroplasty, kyphoplasty, ablation and surgery, in managing spinal metastases, direct malignant infiltration of the spine or associated spinal cord compression? Nathan Bromham took questions from the group. The Chair thanked Nathan for his presentation.

Afternoon presentations

The Chair introduced Nathan Bromham, NGA Senior Systematic Reviewer who gave a presentation on Protocol for draft review question: 6.5 How effective is corticosteroid therapy in managing the neurological consequences of metastatic spinal cord compression? And a further presentation on Protocol for draft review question: 6.1 How effective are analgesic interventions in managing pain related to spinal metastases, direct malignant infiltration of the spine or associated spinal cord compression? Nathan Bromham took questions from the group. The Chair thanked Nathan for his presentations.

5. Questions and discussion

The Committee discussed:

- Topic groups
- Health economic priorities
- The Committee discussed each presentation in relation to the guideline and given the opportunity to ask questions.
- Protocol for draft review questions 6.4, 6.5, 6.1

6. Any other business

None