

Metastatic spinal cord compression Guideline Committee Meeting 5

Date: 26th January 2022
Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom
Minutes: Final

| Committee members present: | |
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| Paul Eunson | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Nick Haden | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Charalampia Kyriakou | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Clare Greenbaum | Present for notes 1-4 |
| Richard Roope | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Kaushik Ghosh | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Sophie Kirby | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Aniket Tavare | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Kaushal Mishra | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Ananya Choudhury | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Suzanne Renwick | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Jeena Ackroyd | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Peter Gowans | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Rachel Clayton | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Muthiah Sivaramalingam | Present for notes 1-10 |

| In attendance: | | |
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| Melissa Bolessa | NGA Project Manager | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Katharina Dworzynski | NGA Guideline Lead | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Nathan Bromham | NGA Systematic Reviewer | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Ted Barker | NGA Systematic Reviewer | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Suhayl Kassam | NGA Systematic Reviewer | Present for notes 1-10 |
| James Hawkins | NGA Senior Economist | Present for notes 7 |
| Sarah Stockton | NGA Senior Information Scientist | Present for notes 1-10 |
| Stephen Murphy | NGA Clinical Advisor | Present for notes 1-10 |

| Apologies: | |
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| Edward Dyson (NGA) | |
| Catharine Baden-Daintree (NICE) | |

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the 4th guideline committee meeting on Metastatic spinal cord compression.

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

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 whether they had any new declarations of interest.

| Name | Role | Declaration of interest | Type of interest | Decision taken |
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| None | | | | |

No new interests were declared. The chair and a senior member of the developer’s team noted that the interest declared previously 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 as accurate, no amendments were made.

4. Presentations

Morning presentations

The Chair introduced Nathan Bromham, NGA Senior Systematic Reviewer who gave a presentation on Protocol for draft review question: 4.2 Investigations: radiological imaging techniques in guiding the management of 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.

The Chair introduced Ted Baker, NGA Systematic Reviewer who gave a presentation on Evidence review question 6.5: How effective is corticosteroid therapy in managing the neurological consequences of metastatic spinal cord compression? Ted Baker took questions from the group. The Chair thanked Ted for his presentation.

Afternoon presentations

Suhayl Kassam, NGA Systematic Reviewer who gave a presentation on Protocol for draft review question: 5.1 What is the prognostic value of validated scoring systems in evaluating spinal metastases or direct malignant infiltration of the spine with or without spinal cord compression in relation to spinal instability? Suhayl Kassam took questions from the group. The Chair thanked Suhayl for his presentation.

James Hawkins, NGA Senior Economist who gave an Economic update, James gave a presentation on progress of economic work. James Hawkins took questions from the group. The Chair thanked James for his presentation.

Suhayl Kassam, NGA Systematic Reviewer who gave a presentation on Protocol for draft review question: 5.2 What is the prognostic value of validated scoring systems for determining survival in people with spinal cord compression caused by spinal metastases or direct malignant infiltration of the spine? Suhayl Kassam took questions from the group. The Chair thanked Suhayl for his presentation.

Katharina Dworzynski, NGA Guideline Lead and Ananya Choudhury, Committee member and Topic group lead gave an update related to Radiotherapy. The committee reviewed the suggested changes to draft recommendations as discussed with the topic subgroup.

5. Questions and discussion

The Committee had an opportunity to ask questions and discussed:

- Each presentation in relation to evidence reviews
- Evidence review protocols for draft review questions 4.2, 5.1, 5.2
- Economic update
- Update on radiotherapy and topic group discussion

6. Any other business

None