

## Metastatic spinal cord compression Guideline Committee Meeting 7

**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Location** Virtual meeting via Zoom

**Minutes:** Final

<b>Committee members present:</b>	
Paul Eunson	Present for notes 1-11
Nick Haden	Present for notes 1-11
Charalampia Kyriakou	Present for notes 1-11
Clare Greenbaum	Present for notes 1-11
Richard Roope	Present for notes 1-11
Kaushik Ghosh	Present for notes 1-11
Sophie Kirby	Present for notes 1-11
Ananya Choudhury	Present for notes 1-11
Suzanne Renwick	Present for notes 1-11
Peter Gowans	Present for notes 1-5
Rachel Clayton	Present for notes 1-11
Muthiah Sivaramalingam	Present for notes 1-11
Kate Parker	Present for notes 1-11

<b>In attendance:</b>		
Melissa Bolessa	Project Manager	Present for notes 1-11
Katharina Dworzynski	Guideline Lead	Present for notes 1-11
Nathan Bromham	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-11
Ted Barker	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-11
Suhayl Kassam	Systematic Reviewer	Present for notes 1-11
James Hawkins	Senior Economist	Present for notes 1-11
Edward Dyson	Clinical fellow	Present for notes 1-5
Stephen Murphy	Clinical Advisor	Present for notes 1-11
Catharine Baden-Daintree	Senior Editor	Present for notes 1-11
Adam Storrow	Business Analyst	Present for notes 3-11

<b>Apologies:</b>	
Kaushal Mishra (GC member)	
Aniket Tavare (GC member)	
Catrina Charlton (Guideline Commissioning Manager)	

Jeena Ackroyd (New GC member)

**1. Welcome, housekeeping, aims of the day and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the 7<sup>th</sup> guideline committee meeting on Metastatic spinal cord compression.

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

The Chair reviewed the Minutes and Action log of the previous GC meeting 6.

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

**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
Richard Roope	Committee member	Member of M&G Expert Panel looking at future longevity, and the future changes in health and treatments which may influence life expectancy	Direct, Financial interest	Declare and participate Agreed by, Chair, GL Rationale: This interest is not specific to the scope of the guideline.
Paul Eunson	Guideline Chair	Is going to take up a new part time medical role in paediatric neurology in NHS Scotland	Direct, Financial interest	Declare and participate Agreed by, Chair, GL Rationale: This interest is not specific to the scope of the guideline.

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

**2. Guideline recommendation recap and editorial queries related to corticosteroids**

Katharina Dworzynski, Guideline Lead outlined the editorial comments and suggested changes for;

Recommendations related to evidence review: How effective is corticosteroid therapy in managing the neurological consequences of metastatic spinal cord compression?

The committee discussed the suggested changes and agreed changes to the wording of the recommendations.

<p><b>3. Health economic update related to service configuration</b></p> <p>James Hawkins Economist outlined and presented an update of the economic model for;</p> <p>Health economic update related to service configuration.</p> <p>The committee discussed the evidence.</p>
<p><b>4. and 5. Recommendations related to service configuration: What service configuration and delivery arrangements for (a) the investigation and referral and (b) service configuration and delivery arrangement for management and early rehabilitation</b></p>
<p>Katharina Dworzynski, Guideline Lead outlined the editorial comments and suggested changes for;</p> <p>Recommendations related to service configuration: What service configuration and delivery arrangements for (a) the investigation and referral and (b) service configuration and delivery arrangement for management and early rehabilitation.</p> <p>The committee discussed the suggested changes and agreed changes to the wording of the recommendations with some further work to be brought back to future meetings.</p>
<p><b>6. Lay member discussion</b></p>
<p>Paul Eunson, Committee Chair lead the Lay member discussion.</p>
<p><b>7. and 8. Guideline recommendation recap and editorial queries related to information and support</b></p>
<p>Katharina Dworzynski, Guideline Lead outlined the editorial comments and suggested changes for;</p> <p>Recommendations related to evidence review: What information and support is valued by adults with suspected or confirmed spinal metastases, direct malignant infiltration of the spine, or associated spinal cord compression, and by their families and carers?</p> <p>The committee discussed the suggested changes and agreed changes to the wording.</p>
<p><b>9. Research recommendations</b></p>
<p>Nathan Bromham, NGA Senior Systematic Reviewer presented the process for research recommendations, followed by a committee discussion.</p>
<p><b>10. Guideline recommendation recap and editorial queries related to radiotherapy</b></p>
<p>Katharina Dworzynski, Guideline Lead outlined the editorial comments and suggested changes for;</p>

Recommendations related to evidence review: How effective is radiotherapy, including both fractionated and unfractionated radiotherapy, for the management of spinal metastases, direct malignant infiltration of the spine or associated spinal cord compression?

The committee discussed the suggested changes and agreed changes to the wording.

**11. Summary of actions and AOB**

Actions were summarised. No other matters were raised.

**Location of next meeting:** 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 via Zoom