

Meningitis (bacterial) and meningococcal disease: recognition, diagnosis & management

Committee Meeting 14

Date: 9th February 2022

Location: Via Zoom

Minutes: Final

Committee members present:	
Mark Thomas (Chair)	Present for items 1 – 7
David Turner (Topic Advisor)	Present for items 1 – 7
Andrew Hitchings	Present for items 1 – 7
Nathan Griffiths	Present for items 1 – 7
Richard Heyderman	Present for items 1 – 7
Imran Jawaid	Present for items 1 – 7
Michael Griffiths	Present for items 1 – 7
Linda Glennie	Present for items 1 – 7
Paul Heath	Present for items 1 – 7
Saul Faust	Present for items 1 – 7
Amit Arora	Present for items 1 – 7
Ashifa Trivedi	Present for items 1 – 7
Ian Maconochie	Present for items 1 – 7

In attendance:		
Lisa Boardman	NGA Guideline Lead	Present for items 1 – 7
Josh South	NGA Senior Project Manager	Present for items 1 – 7
Ian McIntosh	NGA Project Manager	Present for items 1 – 7
Laura Elliff-O'Shea	NGA Senior Systematic Reviewer	Present for items 1 – 7
Armina Paule	NGA Systematic Reviewer	Present for items 1 – 7
Aye Paing	NGA Systematic Reviewer	Present for items 1 – 7
Stephen Murphy	NGA Clinical Advisor	Present for items 1 – 7
Paul Jacklin	NGA Senior Health Economist	Present for items 1 – 7
Catrina Charlton	NICE Commissioning Manager	Present for items 1 – 7

Apologies:	
Simon Nadel	Committee member
Richard Tubman	Committee member

1. Welcome, Actions, Discussions and Decision

The Chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to the 14th guideline committee meeting on Meningitis (bacterial) and meningococcal disease: recognition, diagnosis & management. The Chair thanked the committee for joining the meeting virtually. October 2021 Minutes approved.

2. Confirmation of matters under discussion and declaration of interests

The Chair asked everyone to verbally declare any interests that have arisen since the last meeting. The following interests were declared;

Name	Job title, organisation	Declarations of Interest, date declared	Type of interest	Decision taken
Amit Arora	Care of the elderly physician	Vice-President of British Geriatric Society	Direct Financial	Declare and participate. Rationale: Not a conflict to participation in guideline

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. Timelines and committee planning

Lisa Boardman, NGA Guideline Lead, outlined the plan for the remaining committee meeting dates on the guideline.

4. Stratifications for RQ 3.3a & 3.3b evidence report

RQ 3.3a – Aye Paing and Armina Paule, NGA Systematic Reviewers, outlined the evidence for What antibiotic treatment regimens are effective in treating suspected bacterial meningitis in younger infants (excluding neonates) before identifying the causative infecting organism, or in the absence of identifying the causative infecting organism?

RQ 3.3b – Aye Paing and Armina Paule, NGA Systematic Reviewers, outlined the evidence for What antibiotic treatment regimens are effective in treating suspected bacterial meningitis in older infants and children before identifying the causative infecting organism, or in the absence of identifying the causative infecting organism?

Presentation of 3.3b & 3.3a evidence reports.

The committee agreed on recommendations for these questions.

5. RQ 3.3c evidence report

RQ 3.3c – Aye Paing, NGA Systematic Reviewer, outlined the evidence for What antibiotic treatment regimens are effective in treating suspected bacterial meningitis in adults before identifying the causative infecting organism, or in the absence of identifying the causative infecting organism?

Review of editorial comments on draft recommendations

Laura O’Shea, NGA Senior Systematic Reviewer, outlined some of the editorial comments on the

draft recommendations agreed.

6. Any other business

The next meeting will be on 15th March 2022.

Meeting closed at 15:00.

7. Close

Date of next meeting: 15th March 2022

Location of next meeting: Via Zoom