

**Sepsis: Recognition, diagnosis and early management guideline (update)  
committee 3 meeting minutes**

**Sepsis: recognition, diagnosis and early management – Committee Meeting 3**

**Date:** 11/10/2022

**Location:** Virtual

**Minutes:** Final

<b>Committee members present:</b>		
Ann Hoskins (Chair, AH)		Present for notes 1 – 6
Samina Begum		Present for notes 1 – 6
Louise Bradbury		Present for notes 1 – 6
Tumena Corrah		Present for notes 1 – 6
Savio Fernandes		Present for notes 1 – 6
Peter Gosling		Present for notes 1 – 6
Alasdair Gray		Present for notes 1 – 6
Jeremy Henning		Present for notes 1 – 6
Erum Khan		Present for notes 1 – 6
Barry Murphy-Jones		Present for notes 1 – 6
Marlies Ostermann		Present for notes 1 – 6
Giovanni Satta		Present for notes 1 – 6
Sally Wood		Present for notes 1 – 6
Tessa Lewis		Present for notes 1 – 6

<b>In attendance:</b>		
Astrid Aregui (AA)	Medical Editor	Present for notes 1 – 6
Victoria Axe	Guideline Commissioning Manager	Present for notes 1 – 6
Kirsty Hounsell (KH)	Technical Analyst, Health Economics	Present for notes 1 – 6
Jackie Durkin	Administrator	Present for note 1
Ben Fletcher	Scoping Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 – 6
Ben Gregory	Resource Impact Lead	Present for notes 1 – 6
Caroline Mulvihill (CM)	Technical Adviser	Present for notes 1 – 6
Jon Littler (JL)	Project Manager	Present for notes 1 – 6
Lindsay Claxton (LC)	Technical Adviser, Health Economics	Present for notes 1 – 6
Teuta Gjuladin-Hellon (TGH)	Technical Analyst	Present for notes 1 – 6
<b>Apologies:</b>		
Daniel Tuvey	Information Specialist	

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### **1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting**

The Chair (AH) welcomed the committee members and NICE attendees to the third sepsis guideline committee meeting.

AH then outlined the objectives of the meeting before asking all committee members to verbally declare any interests that have arisen since the last meeting. The committee had no further interests to share other than those already on the existing register and senior members of the Development team noted that the interests already declared did not prevent the attendees from fully participating in the meeting.

Finally, AH asked that the committee review the minutes from the previous meeting. The committee made one small correction to the timing of one member's attendance but otherwise agreed they were an accurate record of the previous meeting's discussion.

### **2. Confirming and agreeing the updated recommendations – Risk stratification**

AH introduced Caroline Mulvihill (CM) the technical lead for this guideline. CM reminded the committee of the updated recommendations they'd discussed at the previous meetings on the risk stratification question:

*In adults and young people (16 and over) with suspected sepsis in acute hospital settings, ambulance trusts and acute mental health facilities, what is the association between NEWS2 bands (0, 1 to 4, 5 to 6, 7 or above) and risk of severe illness or death?*

The committee offered their feedback to fine-tune the development team's work in incorporating their previous suggestions and agreed a version of the recommendations to take to consultation.

### **3. Confirming and agreeing the updated recommendations – Antibiotic timing**

After a short break, CM continued to present the recommendations already discussed at the previous committees in order to refine them for consultation. To that end the recommendations on antibiotic timing were revisited:

*In adults and young people (16 and over) with suspected sepsis and at different NEWS2 risk brackets (0, 1 to 4, 5 to 6, greater than 7), what are the most clinically and cost-effective timings of antibiotic administration?*

Once the committee had given their feedback, AH thanked CM and the development team for their work in getting the recommendations ready, and the committee for their feedback, and moved to the next section of the meeting.

### **4. Reviewing the restructured guideline – Overarching issues**

AH reintroduced CM to guide the committee through the whole restructured sepsis guideline, how the new recommendations may/will interact with it and suggest options on how any issues that arise from the new recommendations could be approached.

The committee offered their opinions on the suggested options and issues before AH moved the meeting on to its final main item.

### **5. Reviewing the restructured guideline – Overarching issues**

CM was joined by Astrid Aregui (AA) who demonstrated to the committee how the restructured guideline would look on the NICE website once live.

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<b>6. AOB, Summary and next steps</b>
JL advised the committee of the next steps
AH thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting.

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