

Date and Time: Wednesday 2 September 2015, 09:30-15:30

Place: Boardroom, NCGC, 180 Great Portland Street, London, W1W 5QZ

Minutes: Confirmed

Guideline Development Group Meeting 18 – Low back pain and sciatica

Present: GDG members

Stephen Ward (SW) – Chair - Consultant in Pain Medicine, Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS trust

Ian Bernstein (IB) - General Practitioner, Gordon House Surgery, London

Suzanne Blowey (SB) - Consultant Nurse Chronic Pain, Mount Gould Hospital, Plymouth

Patrick Hill (PH) – Honorary Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust

Mark Mason (MM) – Patient member

Neil O’Connell (NOC) – Lecturer, School of Health Sciences & Social Care Brunel University

Diana Robinson (DR) – Patient member

Simon Somerville (SS) – General Practitioner, Park Medical centre, Leek, Staffordshire

Steven Vogel (SV) – Vice Principal (Research), British School of Osteopathy

David Walsh (DW) – Honorary Consultant Rheumatologist, Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Co-opted expert

Martin Sambrook (MS) - Consultant Radiologist, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

NICE

Louise Shires (LS) - Programme Manager, NICE

NCGC

Neil Askew (NA) – Health Economist, NCGC

Mikaela Bartlett (MB) – Document Editor / Process Assistant, NCGC

Serena Carville (SC) – Associate Director, NCGC

Margherita Fanos (MF) – Research Fellow, NCGC

Elisabetta Fenu (EF) - Health Economic Lead, NCGC

Sana Khan (SK) – Research Fellow, NCGC

Qudsia Malik (QM) – Senior Research Fellow, NCGC

Rachel O’Mahony (ROM) – Senior Research Fellow, NCGC

Giulia Zuodar (GZ) – Document Editor / Process Assistant, NCGC

Apologies

Babak Arvin (BA) - Consultant Neurosurgeon, Queens Hospital

Gary MacFarlane (GM) - Chair (clinical) in Epidemiology, University

of Aberdeen

Ben Pordes (BP) – Project Manager, NCGC

Philip Sell (PS) - Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, University
Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust

Chris Wells (CW) - Consultant in Pain Medicine (via WebEx)

Observers Samantha Jones (SJ) – Project Manager, NCGC
Robert Stenner (RS) – NICE Fellow

Notes

1. Introduction and apologies

SW welcomed the group to the eighteenth meeting of this GDG. Apologies were received from BA, GM, BP, PS and CW.

2. Declaration of interests

No new declarations of interest were received for this GDG.

3. Evidence review: Imaging

MF presented the clinical evidence review for imaging. NA presented the health economics. The GDG discussed the evidence and drafted the recommendations.

4. Evidence review: Clinical examination

MF presented the clinical evidence review for clinical examination. NA presented the health economics. The GDG discussed the evidence and the recommendation.

5. Evidence review: Epidurals (cont. from GDG17)

The GDG drafted the recommendations for non-image guided epidurals.

6. Evidence review: Spinal injections

SK presented additional data for spinal injections. The GDG discussed the evidence and made amendments to the recommendations.

7. Any other business

There was no other business.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting

Monday 5th October 2015, 1000-1600, Boardroom, NCGC, 180 Great Portland Street,
London, W1W 5QZ