

## Spondyloarthritis Committee meeting

**Date:** 2nd March 2016

**Location:** Room 3, Manchester Library

**Minutes:** Final

<b>Committee members present:</b>	
Gary McVeigh (Chair) (GM)	Present for all items
David Chandler (DCh)	Present for all items
Debbie Cook (DC)	Present until part way through item 7
Charlotte Davis (CD)	Present for all items
Nicola Goodson (NG)	Present for all items
Jon Packham (JP)	Present for all items
Carol McCrum (CM)	Present for all items
Winston Rennie (WR)	Present for items 1 to 3
Louise Warburton (LW)	Present for all items

<b>In attendance</b>	
Rachel Houten (RH) Health Economist	Present for all items
Katherine McAllister (KM) Technical Analyst	Present for all items
Vonda Murray (VM) Project Manager	Present for all items
Joshua Pink (JPK) Technical Advisor	Present for all items
Gabriel Rogers (GR) - Technical Advisor (HE)	Present for all items
Sue Spiers (SP) Associate Director	Present for all items

<b>Observers:</b>	
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Besma Nash Technical Analyst	Present for all items
Yingying Wang Technical Analyst	Present until part way through item 7

### Apologies:

Nicky Bassett-Burr	Co-opted expert
Jemma Dean	Information Specialist
Alasdair Dennison	Co-opted expert
Tina Hawkins	Committee member
Sue Ellerby	Clinical Advisor
Amanda Isdale	Committee member
Caroline Keir	Commissioning Manager
Philip O'Connor	Co-opted expert
Tim Orchard	Co-opted expert
Shelly Patel	Medicines Advisor

### 1. Welcome, minutes of the last meeting, declarations of interest and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the committee members and attendees to the twelfth guideline development group meeting. He introduced the observers and provided a brief overview and objectives of the day. JPk introduced himself to the committee.

Apologies were noted, as recorded above, and minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

All Committee members were asked to share any new conflicts of interest which have not previously been declared. No new conflicts were identified.

Attendee	Declaration	Action
GM	None (22.03.16)	Declare & participate

The chair reviewed historical declaration of interests it was agreed that all committee members were eligible to attend the committee meeting and contribute to the discussions and drafting of any recommendations.

### 2. Resource management, new guidance

JPk provided an overview of the document that had been sent to the committee 'Resource Impact in guidelines'.

<b>3. Lower back pain guidance</b>
GR highlighted some aspects of the lower back pain guidance of particular relevance to Spondyloarthritis, which was discussed by the committee.
<b>4. RQ10 What is the diagnostic utility of imaging (alone or in sequence) for investigating suspected spondyloarthritis?</b>
WR provided an overview of imaging in relation to diagnosis of spondyloarthritis, the Chair thanked WR for his presentation. KM and the committee discussed and agreed an analysis plan for the assessment of evidence for the diagnostic utility of imaging (alone or in sequence) for investigating suspected spondyloarthritis
<b>5. RQ4 What is the diagnostic utility of a risk assessment score for identifying spondyloarthritis?</b>
KM led a discussion with the committee to agree an analysis plan in order to identify combinations of signs, symptoms, risk factors and/or results of investigations which enable referral and/or diagnostic decisions to be made.
<b>6. RQ1 What signs and symptoms should prompt a healthcare professional to think of spondyloarthritis? RQ2 What risk factors should increase suspicion of spondyloarthritis?</b>
KM provided a summary of the agreed protocols, and presented the evidence found. The committee made a recommendation for RQ1, and made a note to return to RQ2.
<b>7. Health economics update</b>
RH presented the economic model taking the group through the data used, agreeing with the committee the assumptions made, and agreeing the new parameters.
<b>8. AOB</b>
No other business
<b>9. Summary and next steps</b>
There were no additional matters arising. The Chair briefly summarised the discussions from the meeting before closing day

**Date of next meeting:  
GDG 13 - 18th & 19th April, Manchester NICE Office**