

4.0.3 DOC Cmte minutes

Cataracts Guideline Committee – development

Date: 07/12/2015

Location: Dee, City Tower, Manchester

Minutes: Final

NICE National Institute for
Health and Care Excellence

Committee members present:	
Mike Burdon (Chair)	Present for all
Kamal Bishai (KB)	Present for all
Arthur Brill (AB)	Present for item 1 to part way through item 6
Emily Lam (EL)	Present for all
Janet Marsden (JM)	Present for all
Yvonne Needham (YN)	Present for part way through item 2 to 8
Paul Rosen (PR)	Present for all
Gillian Rudduck (GRud)	Present for part way through item 2 to 8
Nick Wilson-Holt (NWH)	Present for all

In attendance:		
Chris Gibbons (CG)	ICG – Health Economist	Present for all
Wes Hubbard (WH)	NICE – Information Specialist	Present for all
Holly Irwin (HI)	ICG – Project Manager	Present for all
Gabriel Rogers (GR)	ICG – Technical Advisor (HE)	Present for all
Sharlene Ting (ST)	ICG – Technical Analyst	Present for all

Observing:	
Eileen Taylor	NICE – Quality Standards (present for items 1 & 2)
Vonda Murray	NICE – ICG (present for items 1 & 2)

Apologies:	
Sarah Stephenson	NICE – Guideline Commissioning Manager
Keith Allman	Committee member (co-opted)
Mike Glowala	Committee member (co-opted)

4.0.3 DOC Cmte minutes

Geoff Roberson	Committee member
Jennifer Yip	Committee member

1. Welcome and objectives for the meeting

The Chair welcomed the Committee members and attendees to the fourth meeting on Cataracts. He noted the apologies received, as detailed above.

The Chair highlighted the importance of declaring conflicts of interest. He asked each attendee to declare any new conflicts. No new conflicts were declared.

Attendee	Declaration	Action
N/A	N/A	N/A

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as an accurate record.

The Chair outlined the objectives of the meeting, which included:

- Considering evidence for RQ5 'What is the effectiveness of different techniques for undertaking biometry?'
- Considering evidence for RQ8 'What other factors should be considered such as, who should undertake biometry and when should preoperative be assessed?'
- Discussion around the focus for health economic analysis.
- Further clarification in relation to RQ6 'What are the most appropriate formulae to optimise intraocular lens biometry calculation?' and RQ7 'What is the effectiveness of strategies used to select intraocular lens biometry calculation?'
- Agreeing review protocols.

MB reminded the committee that input into review questions is encouraged from all committee members, not just those allocated to a particular question. MB also asked committee members to respond to draft documents when circulated, even if to advise of no further comments.

2. Review question 5 presentation of evidence

Following on from the previous meeting, ST presented further evidence in relation to RQ 5. The committee discussed the evidence which was recorded in the 'linking evidence to recommendations' (LETR) table. It was agreed that GRud and PR

4.0.3 DOC Cmte minutes

would supply the ICG technical team with further detailed information to inform the draft LETR table. The committee drafted a number of recommendations including for further research.

Actions: HI to circulate draft chapter including the LETR table for comment by the committee.

GRud to supply HI and ST with a narrative summary of the different methods used in practice to calculate corneal curvature, and factors impacting on this.

PR to provide HI and ST with thresholds for significant astigmatism in terms of flat/steep cornea which surgeons may use in planning incisions.

3. Review question 8 presentation of evidence

YN provided a brief contextual clinical introduction to RQ 8 'What other factors should be considered such as, who should undertake biometry and when should preoperative biometry be assessed?'. The Chair thanked YN for her introduction.

ST delivered the evidence review presentation for this question. The committee discussed the evidence which was recorded in the 'linking evidence to recommendations' (LETR) table. The committee drafted a number of recommendations.

Action: HI to circulate draft chapter including the LETR table for comment by the committee.

4. Health economic modelling update

CG presented on plans for health economic modelling, including potential options for measuring health-related quality of life relevant to vision. During discussion, a number of issues was raised in relation to the sensitivity of different methods in capturing the impact of cataracts on daily living. It was agreed that the next meeting would include a more in-depth session to go through and identify the most appropriate tool to measure health-related quality of life.

5. Review questions 6 and 7 update and clarification

ST presented an update on progress with RQs 6 and 7 and outlined a number of areas for further clarity from the committee. The committee discussed these points and was able to agree appropriate approaches for reviewing evidence.

6. Review protocol discussion and agreement

The committee then considered and agreed review protocols for the following review questions:

4.0.3 DOC Cmte minutes

RQ9 – ‘What are the procedural causes of wrong lens implant errors?’

RQ10 – ‘What strategies should be adopted to reduce the risk of wrong lens implant errors?’

RQ11 – ‘What is the effectiveness of risk stratification techniques to reduce surgical complications and errors?’

RQ12 – ‘What are the risk factors associated with increased surgical complications and errors in cataract surgery?’

7. Any other business

The Chair reminded the committee about the additional committee meeting dates planned in order to cover the number of review questions. He explained that these included a significant number of the later committee meetings becoming two day meetings, but also an extension to the initially anticipated end date for development.

7. Next steps

HI advised the committee that they would receive the draft chapters for RQs 5 and 8 for comment prior to the next meeting. She also advised that the committee would receive copies of the review protocols drafted during the meeting, for final comment.

The Chair thanked everyone for their input to the meeting.

Action: HI to resend the list of scheduled committee meeting dates, along with instructions for requesting overnight accommodation and a link to the website with details of the London NICE office.

Date of next meeting: Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd February, 10.00am-5.00pm

Location of next meeting: NICE offices, London