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Interventional Procedures Advisory Committee (IPAC) meeting minutes

**Minutes:** Confirmed

**Date and time:** Thursday, 09 January 2025

**Location:** Via Zoom

**Attendees**

# Committee members present

1. Professor Tom Clutton-Brock (Chair) Present for all items
2. Mr James Tysome (Vice Chair) Present for all items
3. Dr Angus McNair Present for all items
4. Professor Augusto Azuara-Blanco Present for all items
5. Mr Christopher Adams Present for all items
6. Mr Conrad Harrison Present for all items
7. Ms Dawn Lee Present for all items
8. Dr Jurjees Hasan Present for all items
9. Mr Mahmoud Elfar Present for all items
10. Mr Marwan Habiba Present for all items
11. Ms Noemi Muszbek Present for all items except item 4 (part 2)
12. Mr Paddy Storrie Present for all items
13. Mr Patrick Farrell  Present for all items
14. Dr Sandeep Singh Randhawa Present for all items
15. Professor Simon Bach Present for all items
16. Dr Stuart Smith Present for all items
17. Professor Tim Kinnaird Present for all items
18. Ms Veena Soni Present for all items

# NICE staff present:

Dr Alan Ashworth – Consultant Clinical Adviser, HealthTech Programme

Aleix Rowlandson – Analyst, HealthTech Programme

Amy Crossley – Adviser, HealthTech Programme

Dr Anastasia Chalkidou – Programme Director, HealthTech Programme

Professor Anthony Akobeng - Consultant Clinical Adviser, HealthTech Programme

Charlotte Pelekanou – Adviser, HealthTech Programme

Corrina Purdue – Project Manager, HealthTech Programme

Ella Van Bergen – Coordinator, HealthTech Programme

Emily Eaton Turner – Associate Director, HealthTech Programme

Evan Campbell – Adviser, HealthTech Programme

Helen Crosbie – Public Involvement Advisor, People and Communities Involvement and Engagement

Helen Gallo – Senior Analyst, HealthTech Programme

Jakob Falloon – Analyst, HealthTech Programme

Jessica Wilcock – Analyst. HealthTech Programme

Lakshmi Mandava – Analyst, HealthTech Programme

Ria Skelton – Senior Guidance Content Designer, Publishing

Sana Issa – Coordinator, Corporate Office

Sm Hasan ul Bari – Associate Analyst, HealthTech Programme

Vincent Ogba – Administrator, HealthTech Programme

Xia Li – Analyst, HealthTech Programme

Zoe Jones – Administrator, HealthTech Programme

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# External group representatives present:

Claire Duxbury, Boston Scientific Present for item 4

Tomás García-Sánchez, Boston Scientific Present for item 4

Rowan Pollock, J & J Medtech Present for item 4

Tara Gomez, J & J Medtech Present for item 4

Maxim Souter, Medtronic Present for item 4

Khaldoun Tarakji, Medtronic Present for item 4

Trudie Lobban, Arrhythmia Alliance UK Present for item 4

# Clinical, Patient & NHS England experts present:

Ashley Nisbet, Consultant Electrophysiologist, Bristol Royal Infirmary Present for item 4

Francis Murgatroyd, Consultant Cardiologist & Clinical Lead for Electrophysiology, King’s College Hospital Present for item 4

Claire Martin, Consultant Electrophysiologist, Royal Papworth Hospital Present for item 4

1. Introduction to the meeting
	1. The Chair welcomed members of the committee and other attendees present to the meeting.
	2. The Chair noted apologies from Dhiraj Tripathi, Kathleen Ford, Matthew Metcalfe, and Paula Whittaker.
2. News and announcements
	1. The Chair informed the committee that the advert for the IPAC Chair role is currently live. The Chair confirmed that it is open to current members and external applicants.
	2. The Chair announced that Jon Bell’s tenure on the committee has ended. The Chair has sent Jon a letter to thank him for his contribution to IPAC. The Chair confirmed that we will be recruiting for a new Interventional Radiologist to join the committee.
3. Minutes from the last meeting
	1. The committee approved the minutes of the committee meeting held on 10/10/2024 and 14/11/2024.
4. NNP of IP1957 Pulsed field ablation for atrial fibrillation
	1. Part 1 – Open session
		1. The Chair welcomed the invited clinical and patient experts, members of the public and company representatives from Boston Scientific, J & J Medtech, and Medtronic.
		2. The Chair asked all committee members to declare any relevant interests in relation to the item being considered.
* Noemi Muszbek declared a direct financial interest as she has worked with Boston Scientific providing consultancy services in another indication. The company she has worked for has also worked with Boston Scientific and J & J Medtech in different disease areas.
* It was agreed that her declaration would allow Noemi Muszbek to participate in part 1 of the meeting only, and she was asked to leave the meeting for part 2 of the item.
* The Committee was asked whether there were any specific equalities issues to consider in relation to this procedure.
	+ 1. The Chair then introduced Marwan Habiba, who gave a presentation on the safety and efficacy of Pulsed field ablation for atrial fibrillation.
	1. Part 2 – Closed session

Company representatives, clinical and patient experts and members of the public were asked to leave the meeting: 10:45.

* + 1. The committee then made its provisional recommendations on the safety and efficacy of the procedure. The committee decision was reached by consensus.
		2. The committee asked the NICE technical team to prepare the Consultation Document [IPCD] in line with their decisions.

A document explaining the draft recommendations is available here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/process/pmg28/chapter/draft-recommendations>

1. Briefs of IP1724/2 Low energy contact X-ray brachytherapy (the Papillon technique) for locally advanced rectal cancer
	1. Part 1 – Closed session
		1. The Chair asked all committee members to declare any relevant interests in relation to the item being considered.
* Simon Bach declared a direct interest as he is the Chief Investigator for a competing study that uses a different approach to achieve organ preservation in rectal cancer.
* It was agreed that his declaration would not prevent Simon Bach from participating in this section of the meeting.
* The Committee was asked whether there were any specific equalities issues to consider in relation to this procedure.
	+ 1. The Chair then introduced Jakob Falloon, who gave a presentation on the safety and efficacy of Low energy contact X-ray brachytherapy (the Papillon technique) for locally advanced rectal cancer.
		2. The committee approved the content of the scope as adequate for evaluation of this procedure.
1. Briefs of IP1192/2 Leadless cardiac pacemaker implantation for bradyarrhythmias
	1. Part 1 – Closed session
		1. The Chair asked all committee members to declare any relevant interests in relation to the item being considered.
* No conflicts of interest were declared for the procedure.
* The Committee was asked whether there were any specific equalities issues to consider in relation to this procedure.
	+ 1. The Chair then introduced Lakshmi Mandava, who gave a presentation on the safety and efficacy of Leadless cardiac pacemaker implantation for bradyarrhythmias.
		2. The committee approved the content of the scope as adequate for evaluation of this procedure.
1. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Interventional Procedures Advisory Committee (IPAC) will be held on 13/02/2025 and will start promptly at 9am.