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Interventional Procedures Advisory Committee (IPAC) meeting minutes

**Minutes:** Confirmed

**Date and time:** Thursday, 08 May 2025

**Location:** Via Zoom

**Attendees**

# Committee members present

1. Professor Tom Clutton-Brock (Chair) Present for all items
2. Professor Augusto Azuara-Blanco Present for all items
3. Mr Conrad Harrison Present for all items
4. Mr Mahmoud Elfar Present for all items
5. Mr Marwan Habiba Present for all items
6. Ms Noemi Muszbek Present for all items
7. Mr James Tysome Present for all items
8. Dr Sandeep Singh Randhawa Present for all items
9. Dr Stuart Smith Present for all items
10. Mr Patrick Farrell Present for all items
11. Ms Veena Soni Present for all items
12. Mr Angus McNair Present for items 1 - 6

# NICE staff present:

Dr Anastasia Chalkidou – Programme Director, HealthTech Programme

Dr Alan Ashworth – Consultant Clinical Adviser, HealthTech Programme

Professor Anthony Akobeng – Consultant Clinical Adviser, HealthTech Programme

Amy Crossley – Adviser, HealthTech Programme

Charlotte Pelekanou – Adviser, HealthTech Programme

Corrina Purdue – Project Manager, HealthTech Programme

Ella Van Bergen – Coordinator, HealthTech Programme

Evan Campbell – Adviser, HealthTech Programme

Helen Gallo – Senior Analyst, HealthTech Programme

Jakob Falloon – Analyst, HealthTech Programme

Lakshmi Mandava – Analyst, HealthTech Programme

Shabnam Thapa - Analyst, HealthTech Programme

Leah Murphy - MIP Coordinator

Vincent Ogba – Administrator, HealthTech Programme

Xia Li – Analyst, HealthTech Programme

Korin Knight - Senior Guidance Content Designer

Ria Skelton - Senior Guidance Content Designer

Ivan Maslyankov - Senior Analyst, HealthTech Programme

Amany Salem - Technical Analyst, HealthTech Programme

Iain Willits - Senior Analyst, Centre for Health Technology

Sm Hasan Ul Bari - Associate Health Technology Analyst

Sarah Abraham - Technical Analyst, HealthTech Programme

Helen Crosbie - Public involvement Adviser, People and Communities Involvement and Engagement Team

Catriona Vernal - Senior Guidance Content Designer

Juan Yanguela - Adviser, NICE Advice

**Company Representatives Present:**

Mark Davies-Cousins (Ariane Medical Systems) - Present for item 4

Simon Bernard (Ariane Medical Systems) - Present for item 4

Ross Wardle (Abbott) - Present for item 5

Felicity Cockroft (Abbott) - Present for item 5

Rowan Pollock (J&J Medtech)- Present for item 6

Tara Gomez (J&J Medtech) - Present for item 6

Maxim Souter (Medtronic)- Present for item 6

Rachelle Kaplon (Medtronic) - Present for item 6

Tobias Oesterlein (Boston Scientific) - Present for item 6

Claire Duxbury (Boston Scientific) - Present for item 6

Natalie Hallas (Medtronic) - Present for item 5

Alphons Vincent (Medtronic) - Present for item 5

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# Clinical, Patient & NHS England experts present::

Arthur Sun Myint, Lead Clinician Papillon, Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology - Present for item 3

Alexandra Gibert, Associate Professor and Honorary Consultant in clinical oncology, University of Leeds – Present for item 3

Emma De Winton, Consultant Clinical Oncologist, Royal United Hospitals Foundation Trusts Bath – Present for item 3

Andrew Turley, Consultant Cardiologist, South Tees NHS Foundation Trust– Present for item 4

Riyaz Somani, Consultant Cardiologist & Electrophysiologist, Glenfield Hospital, University Hospitals of Leicester - 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 Christopher Adams, Dawn Lee, Dhiraj Tripathi, Jurjees Hasan, Tim Kinnaird, Simon Bach, Paddy Storrie and Paula Whittaker.
2. News and announcements
	1. The Chair announced that Paula Whittaker has resigned from the committee and thanked her for her contribution to IPAC. The Chair confirmed that we will be recruiting for a new Public Health representative for IPAC.
	2. The Chair informed the committee that the IPAC meeting on 12 June is cancelled and that the next IPAC on 10 July will start at 9:30am instead of 9am to align with the other HealthTech committees.
	3. The Chair informed the committee that a IPAC Hybrid committee is to be held on 13 November 2025 in the NICE Manchester office. More details about the day will be emailed to the committee members shortly.

2.4. The Chair informed the committee that a survey on availability over summer will be shared with them and asked them to complete this to help ensure summer committee meetings are quorate.

1. Minutes from the last meeting

3.1. The committee approved the minutes of the committee meeting held on 3rd April 2025

1. Public consultation comments of IP1724/2 Low energy contact X-ray brachytherapy (the Papillon technique) for rectal cancer
	1. Part 1 – Open session
		1. The Chair welcomed the invited clinical experts, members of the public and company representatives from Ariane Medical Systems
		2. The Chair asked all committee members to declare any relevant interests in relation to the item being considered.
		3. Angus McNair declared a Non-financial professional and personal interest as he is a Consultant Colorectal Surgeon who cares for patients with rectal cancer. His centre does not offer the procedure in question.

It was agreed that the declaration would not prevent Angus from participating in both part 1 and 2 of the meeting.

* + 1. The Chair then introduced James Tysome, who summarised the comments received during the consultation on the draft guidance for Low energy contact X-ray Brachytherapy for rectal cancer.
	1. Part 2 – Closed session

Company representatives, and members of the public were thanked and asked to leave the meeting at 10:00.

* + 1. The committee then made its final 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 Final Document [FIPD] in line with their decisions.
		3. A document explaining the final recommendations is available here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/process/pmg28/chapter/the-production-of-guidance>
1. Public consultation comments of IP1192/2 Leadless cardiac pacemaker implantation for bradyarrhythmias

5.1 Part 1 - Open session

5.1.1 The Chair welcomed the members of the public.

5.1.2 The Chair asked all committee members to declare any relevant interests to the item being discussed.

* 1. 3 Noemi Muszbek declared an indirect interest as she is a part owner of visible Analytics and HE Director who provided consultancy services to Abbott Rapid Diagnostics for a device, that provides point of care testing for Influenza, COVID-19, RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus), and Strep A.
		+ - * It was agreed that the declaration would not prevent Noemi Muszbek from participating in both part 1 and 2 of the meeting.

 5.1.4 The Chair then introduced Stuart Smith, who summarised the comments received during the consultation on the draft guidance for leadless cardiac pacemaker implantation for bradyarrhythmias

5.2 Part 2 - Closed session

 Company Representatives, members of the public and patient experts were asked to leave the meeting at 11:11.

 5.2.1 The committee then made its final recommendations on the safety and efficacy of the procedure. The committee decision was reached by consensus.

5.2.2 The committee asked the NICE technical team to prepare the Final Document [FIPD] in line with their decisions.

5.2.3 A document explaining the final recommendations is available here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/process/pmg28/chapter/the-production-of-guidance>

1. Post consultation comments of IP1957 Pulsed field ablation for atrial Fibrillation
	1. Part 1 – Open session
		1. The Chair welcomed the members of the public and company representatives from J&J Medtech, Medtronic and Boston Scientific.
		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 where she is Partner and Director has also worked with Boston Scientific in different disease areas and continues to work with 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.

6.1.3 The Chair then introduced Marwan Habiba, who summarised the comments received during the consultation on the draft guidance for pulsed field ablation for atrial fibrillation.

 6.1.4The Chair introduced the key themes arising from the consultation responses to the Interventional Procedures Consultation Document [IPCD] received from consultees, commentators and through the NICE website.

* 1. Part 2 – Closed session

Members of the public, Noemi Muszbek and company representatives were asked to leave the meeting at 12:12.

* + 1. The committee then made its final 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 Final Document [FIPD] in line with their decisions.
		3. A document explaining the final recommendations is available here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/process/pmg28/chapter/the-production-of-guidance>
1. Briefs of IP1996 Transvenous embolisation for treating cerebrospinal fluid venous fistula associated with spontaneous intracranial hypotension

7.1 Part 1 - Closed session

7.1.1 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.

7.1.2 The Chair then introduced Stuart Smith, who gave a presentation on the safety and efficacy of Transvenous embolisation for treating cerebrospinal fluid venous fistula associated with spontaneous intracranial hypotension

7.1.3 The committee approved the content of the scope as adequate for evaluation of this procedure.

8. Briefs of IP2042 Insertion of a catheter based intravascular microaxial flow pump for cardiogenic shock

8.1 Part 1 - Closed Session

8.1.1 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.

8.1.2 The Chair then introduced Helen Gallo, who gave a presentation on the safety and efficacy of Insertion of a catheter based intravascular microaxial flow pump for cardiogenic shock

8.1.3 The committee approved the content of the scope as adequate for evaluation of this procedure.

9. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Interventional Procedures Advisory Committee (IPAC) will be held on 10/07/2025 and will start promptly at 9:30am.