# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

Centre for Health Technology Evaluation

# Diagnostics Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting minutes

**Minutes:** Confirmed

**Date and time:** 11 June 2025

**Location:** Via Zoom

## Attendees

Committee members present

1. Neil Hawkins (Chair) Present for all items
2. Alex Novak Present for all items
3. John Cairns Present for all items
4. Jonathan Weir-McCall Present for all items
5. Matt Stevenson Present for all items
6. Farai Goromonzi Present for all items
7. Patrick McGinley Present for all items
8. Rashmi Kumar Present for all items
9. Tom Clutton-Brock Present for all items
10. Sam Creavin Present for all items
11. Joy Allen Present for all items
12. Keith Abrams Present for all items
13. Ruth Ajayi Present for all items

**Specialist committee members present**

Amanda Issac Present for all items

Daniel Chappel Present for all items

Emma Clark Present for all items

David John Wilson Present for all items

Jordan Tsigarides Present for all items

Lucy Ellis Funnell Present for all items

Opinder Sahota Present for all items

Robert Merteens Present for all items

Irene Baker Present for all items

Jennifer Head Present for all items

**Experts**

Annalisa Ochipinti Present for items 1- 2.1.6

Morrison Osiezagha Present for items 1- 2.1.6

Robert Milner Present for items 1- 2.1.6

Simon Norton Present for items 1- 2.1.6

Yuriy Arlachov Present for items 1- 2.1.6

**External assessment group representatives present**

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| Kim Keltie |  | Present for items 1 - 2.2.2 |
| Luke Vale |  | Present for items 1 – 2.2.2 |

NICE staff present

Lizzy Latimer, Associate Director, Health Tech Present for all items

Deonee Stanislaus, Project Manager, Health Tech Present for all items

Elizabeth Islam, Project Manager, Health Tech Present for all items

Ziad Asran, Project Coordinator, Health Tech Present for all items

Vincent Ogba, Project Administrator, Health Tech Present for all items

Jihane Harram, Operations Administrator, Health Tech Present for all items

Leah Murphy, Coordinator, Meetings in Public Present for all items

Benjamin Pearce, Senior guidance content designer Present for all items

Martin Njoroge, Senior Analyst, Health Tech Present for all items

Matthew Brown, Media Relations Manager Present for all items

Chidera Mark-Uchendu, Technical Analyst Present for all items

Iain Willits, Senior Analyst, Health Tech Present for all items

Evan Campbell, Health Technology Adviser Present for all items

Lakshmi Mandava, Analyst Health Tech Present for all items

Suzie Panek, Finance/Business Analyst, Resource Impact Assessment Present for all items

Judith Shore, Technical Adviser Present for all items

Ivan Maslyankov, Analyst Present for all items

Tom Lawrence, Data Scientist Present for all items

## Minutes

## Topic: Artificial intelligence technologies to aid the opportunistic detection of vertebral fragility fractures: Early Value Assessment

##  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 standing committee members Brian Shine, Ghada Ahmed, Michael Morton, Rebecca Allcock
	3. The Chair confirmed the committee had approved the minutes of the committee meeting held on 13 May 2025.
1. Artificial intelligence technologies to aid the opportunistic detection of vertebral fragility fractures

2.1. Part 1 – Open session

2.1.1. The Chair welcomed external assessment group (EAG) representatives, members of the public, and company representatives from Annalise.AI, Avicenna.AI, Image Biopsy Lab GmbH and Nanox AI

2.1.2. The Chair introduced the clinical experts with experience of the technologies being assessed, and asked all committee members, specialist committee members and experts to declare any new relevant interests in relation to the topic being considered in addition to those declared in advance of the meeting.

2.1.3. The Committee proceeded to discuss the comments made during the public consultation for Artificial intelligence technologies to aid the opportunistic detection of vertebral fragility fractures. The Committee was asked if there were any specific equality issues to consider in relation to this assessment.

2.1.4. The Chair asked the company representatives whether they wished to comment on any matters of factual accuracy.

2.1.5. The Chair thanked the public observers, company representatives and the professional Experts for their attendance at the meeting.

2.1.6. The Chair explained that “representatives of the press and other members of the public be excluded from the remainder of this meeting having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, publicity on which would be prejudicial to the public interest (Section 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)” and the company representatives, public observers and experts left the meeting.

2.2. Part 2a - Closed session

2.2.1. The committee discussed confidential information submitted for this item with the external assessment group.

2.2.2. The Chair thanked the external assessment group for their attendance at the meeting.

2.3. Part 2b – Closed session

2.3.1. The committee discussed next steps.

2.3.2. The committee asked the NICE technical team to prepare the Final Draft Guidance in line with their decisions.

1. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Diagnostics Advisory Committee (DAC) will be held on Tuesday 15th July 2025