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Interventional Procedures Advisory Committee (IPAC) meeting minutes

**Minutes:** Confirmed

**Date and time:** Thursday, 10 October 2024

**Location:** Via Zoom

**Attendees**

# Committee members present

1. Dr Angus McNair Present for all items
2. Mr Christopher Adams Present for all items, except item 4, part 1
3. Mr Conrad Harrison Present for all items
4. Ms Dawn Lee Present for all items
5. Mr James Tysome (Vice Chair) Present for all items
6. Professor Jon Bell Present for all items
7. Dr Jurjees Hasan Present for all items
8. Mr Mahmoud Elfar Present for all items
9. Mr Marwan Habiba Present for all items
10. Ms Noemi Muszbek Present for all items
11. Mr Patrick Farrell  Present for all items
12. Dr Paula Whittaker Present for all items
13. Dr Sandeep Singh Randhawa Present for all items
14. Professor Simon Bach Present for all items
15. Dr Stuart Smith Present for all items, except for item 6, part 2
16. Professor Tom Clutton-Brock (Chair) 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, IPP

Dr Anastasia Chalkidou – Programme Director, HealthTech Programme

Professor Anthony Akobeng - Consultant Clinical Adviser, IPP

Corrina Purdue – Project Manager, IPP

Emily Eaton Turner – Associate Director, HealthTech Programme

Ella Van Bergen – Coordinator, HealthTech Programme

Evan Campbell – Adviser, HealthTech Programme

Helen Barnett - Senior Guidance Content Designer, Publishing

Helen Gallo – Senior Analyst, IPP

Kimberley Carter – Adviser, HealthTech Programme

Lakshmi Mandava – Analyst, IPP

Louisa Robinson – Analyst, IPP

Sana Issa – Coordinator, Corporate Office

Sarah Bromley – Content Designer, Publishing and Products

Sm Hasan ul Bari – Associate Analyst, IPP

Wrda Allan – Coordinator, IPP

Xia Li – Analyst, IPP

Zoe Jones – Administrator, IPP

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# External group representatives present:

Corinna Audette, CooperSurgical Present for item 4

Vrunda Desai, CooperSurgical Present for item 4

Daria Bottacci, Elesta Present for item 5

Fabio Andreola, Elesta Present for item 5

Aymeric Leruste, Insightec Present for item 6

# Clinical, Patient & NHS England experts present:

Rita Arya, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, BMFMS - British Maternal and Fetal Medicine Society Present for item 4

Zoe Thurlwell, Consultant Obstetrician and sub-specialist in Fetal and Maternal Medicine, NHS 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 Augusto Azuara-Blanco, Dhiraj Tripathi, Kathleen Ford, Matthew Metcalf, Mustafa Zakkar, and Paddy Storrie
2. News and announcements
   1. None.
3. Minutes from the last meeting
   1. The committee approved the minutes of the committee meeting held on 12/09/2024.
4. NNP of IP1217/3 Balloon disimpaction of the baby’s head at emergency caesarean during the second stage of labour
   1. Part 1 – Open session
      1. The Chair welcomed the invited clinical experts, members of the public and company representatives from CooperSurgical.
      2. 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 Noemi Muszbek, who gave a presentation on the safety and efficacy of Balloon disimpaction of the baby’s head at emergency caesarean during the second stage of labour.
  1. Part 2 – Closed session

Company representatives, clinical experts and members of the public were asked to leave the meeting: 11:18

* + 1. The committee then made its provisional recommendations on the safety and efficacy of the procedure. The committee decision was reached through a vote by members.
    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. Public Consultation comments of IP1956 Transperineal laser ablation for treating lower urinary tract symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia
   1. Part 1 – Open session
      1. The Chair welcomed members of the public and company representatives from Elesta.
      2. The Chair asked all committee members to declare any relevant interests in relation to the item being considered.

* Sandeep Singh Randhawa declared a personal interest as he has an interest in Urology.
* It was agreed that his declaration would not prevent Sandeep Singh Randhawa 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 Paula Whittaker, who summarised the comments received during the consultation on the draft guidance for Transperineal laser ablation for treating lower urinary tract symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia.
    2. The 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

Company representatives and members of the public were asked to leave the meeting: 13:31

* + 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.  
         
       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 IP2035 MRI guided focused ultrasound subthalamotomy in Parkinson's
   1. Part 1 – Open session
      1. The Chair welcomed members of the public and company representatives from Insightec.
      2. The Chair asked all committee members to declare any relevant interests in relation to the item being considered.

* Stuart Smith declared a non-financial professional interest as his Neurosurgery unit is currently in the process of purchasing the equipment used in the procedure, though he does not perform the procedure.
* It was agreed that his declaration would allow Stuart Smith to participate in part 1 of the discussion only, and he 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 Chris Adams, who summarised the comments received during the consultation on the draft guidance for MRI guided focused ultrasound subthalamotomy in Parkinson's.
    2. The 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

Company representatives and members of the public were asked to leave the meeting: 14:41

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1. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Interventional Procedures Advisory Committee (IPAC) will be held on 14/11/2024 and will start promptly at 9am.