

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## Diagnostics Advisory Committee (DAC)

### Minutes of the Meeting on Thursday 8 February 2018

Level 1A City Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester M1 4BD

#### **PRESENT:**

##### **Standing Committee members:**

Dr Mark Kroese – **Chair**  
Mr John Bagshaw  
Professor Enitan Carrol  
Dr Owen Driskell  
Dr Steve Edwards  
Dr Simon Fleming  
Dr Jim Gray  
Mr John Hitchman  
Mr Patrick McGinley  
Mrs Alexandria Moseley  
Dr Peter Naylor  
Professor Matt Stevenson  
Professor Anthony Wierzbicki

##### **Standing Committee apologies:**

Professor Steve Halligan  
Dr Michael Messenger  
Dr Dermot Neely  
Dr Shelley Rahman Haley  
Dr Simon Richards  
Professor Mark Sculpher

##### **NICE staff in attendance:**

Mark Campbell, Associate Director, MTEP  
Rebecca Albrow, Senior Technical Adviser, DAP  
Donna Barnes, Project Manager, DAP  
Jessica Maloney, (Technical lead) Technical Analyst, DAP  
Christopher Pomfrett, Technical Adviser, MTEP  
Alexandra Sexton, Administrator, DAP

##### **Observing:**

Sarah Douglas, Technical Analyst, MTEP, NICE  
Ann Greenwood, Senior Medical Editor, NICE  
Adam Storrow, Business Analyst, Resource Impact Assessment, NICE  
Katie Wyart, Health Technology Adoption Manager, NICE  
David Packman, Peninsula Technology Assessment Group (PenTAG)  
Dr Neel Ocean, Peninsula Technology Assessment Group (PenTAG)

**1. Introduction to the meeting**

The Chair noted the appointment of Professor Christopher Hyde as Vice Chair of the Committee.

The Chair welcomed Committee members, observers and members of the public.

Apologies were noted.

**2. Code of conduct for members of the public attending the meeting**

The Chair explained the code of conduct to the members of the public attending this meeting.

**3. Any other business**

No other business was offered.

**4. Minutes from the last Committee meeting**

The Committee agreed the minutes from the 10 January 2018 committee meeting.

**5. Equality and Diversity**

The Chair reminded the Committee to raise any potential equality issues related to the topic under discussion.

**Assessment of biomarker tests to help diagnose preterm labour in women with intact membranes**

**External Assessment Group representatives: Peninsula Technology Assessment Group (PenTAG):**

Professor Christopher Hyde, Professor of Public Health and Clinical Epidemiology  
Dr Jo Varley-Campbell, Research Fellow  
Dr Ruben Mujica-Mota, Senior Lecturer

**Specialist Committee members:**

Ciara Curran, Lay Specialist Committee Member  
Dr Ruth Gottstein, Consultant Neonatologist  
Dr Meekai To, Consultant in Fetal Medicine and Obstetrics  
Nigel Simpson, Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant  
Alison Stanley, Lay Specialist Committee Member  
David Wells, Head of Pathology Services Consolidation

**Specialist Committee members' apologies:**

Marianne Rowntree, Ward Manager

## **PART 1 AND PART 2 (open and closed parts of the meeting).**

### **Part 1 – Open session**

The Chair welcomed representatives from Parsagen Diagnostics Inc, Abbott Rapid Diagnostics, Hologic and Medix Biochemica.

There were no public attendees as none had registered to attend the meeting.

Committee members had declared relevant interests as follows:

- Ciara Curran declared a non-specific personal non-financial interest; this interest did not preclude her from taking part in the meeting.
- Dr Jim Gray declared a non-specific personal financial interest, and a non-specific personal non-financial interest; these interests did not preclude him from taking part in the meeting.
- Professor Christopher Hyde declared a specific personal financial interest as he is a member of Peninsula Technology Assessment Group (PenTAG), which is acting as the External Assessment Group (EAG) for this assessment. It was agreed that this interest meant that he could attend Part 1 of the meeting only as part of the EAG.
- Dr Simon Richards declared a specific personal financial interest; this meant he was unable to take part in the meeting.
- Nigel Simpson declared a specific personal financial interest, and a specific non-personal financial interest; these interest did not preclude him from taking part in the meeting.
- Dr Meekai To declared a specific non-personal financial interest; this interest did not preclude her from taking part in the meeting.
- Professor Anthony Wierzbicki declared a non-specific non-personal financial interest; this interest did not preclude him from taking part in the meeting.

The Committee proceeded to discuss the clinical effectiveness and cost effectiveness of biomarker tests to help diagnose preterm labour in women with intact membranes.

The Committee was asked if there were any specific equality issues to consider in relation to this assessment.

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

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 all public attendees left the meeting.

The Chair thanked the manufacturer representatives for their attendance, participation and contribution to the meeting.

**End of Part 1**

**Part 2 – closed session**

Agreement on the content of the Diagnostic Consultation Document (DCD) was discussed by the committee.

**End of Part 2**

**Date, time and venue of next meeting**

**Thursday 14 March 2018** at National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, Level 1A, City Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester M1 4BD