

**Minutes: Renal Association Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee Meeting  
Boardroom Level 2, Brighton Centre, Brighton  
12:00 hours 21<sup>st</sup> May 2007**

Present: Andrew Davenport, Chris Dudley, Robert Mactier, Donald Richardson, Mike Cassidy, Charlie Tomson (Chair, Registry Committee), Neil Turner (Webmaster) David Wheeler (DW-Chair, Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee).

Apologies: Colin Jones, Simon Davies

**Current status of CPG modules.**

The following table summarises progress to date. All modules have now been written and three (CKD, Haemodialysis and Peritoneal dialysis) have been posted in their final format on the website. Two further modules (Complications and Transplantation) have been posted on the website for consultation and the final module (Acute Kidney Injury) had been received by DW just prior to the meeting. DW congratulated all the module leads on their efforts.

<b>Module</b>	<b>Authors</b>	<b>Status</b>
1 CKD	Tomson/Taal	Completed 10/04/07
2A Haemodialysis	MacTier	Completed 26/03/07
2B Peritoneal Dialysis	Davies	Completed 15/05/07
3 Complications	Cassidy/Jones/Richardson	Out for consultation 07/01/07
4 Transplantation	Dudley/Harden	Out for consultation 15/05/07
5 Acute Kidney Injury	Davenport/Stevens	Draft ready for posting

**Timescale for completion.**

The only module not posted on the website (Acute Kidney Injury) required final endorsement by the Intensive Care Society before being posted<sup>1</sup>. The complications module was almost ready for “locking” and MC agreed to send a final version to Neil Turner after the meeting<sup>2</sup>. DW agreed to inform the RA membership via e.news of the posting of the Transplantation and AKI modules. These would both be “locked” after a 4 month consultation period<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>**Action Andrew Davenport/Paul Stevens**

<sup>2</sup>**Action Mike Cassidy**

<sup>3</sup>**Action: David Wheeler**

**Plans for Website.**

Neil Turner presented a new version of the haemodialysis module which had been edited by KRUK into a format suitable for posting as a pdf file. This format, which would facilitate downloading and printing, was approved by the committee. The other modules would undergo similar revision. The committee agreed that a generic introduction and title page should be produced by DW.

**Action David Wheeler**

**Future updates**

It was agreed that individual guidelines should be updated as new data became available or after a period of 3 years from the date of locking (whichever was earlier). These dates would be publicised on the website.

**Action Neil Turner**

### **Anaemia guideline.**

In view of newly emerged data confirming the detrimental effects of achieving higher (as compared to lower) target haemoglobin concentrations, the committee had been asked by the Executive to review the new anaemia guideline. Donald Richardson explained how the updated haemoglobin target range of 10.5 to 12.5 g/dl was in keeping with the previous recommendation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the “standards” (85% of patients should have a haemoglobin > 10 g/dl) but represented a better statistical description (median 11.5 g/dl, thresholds for ESA dose changes of 11 g/dl and 12 g/dl). The committee agreed that the RA guideline was appropriate in the light of the new evidence and that it was entirely consistent with recently issued NICE guidance upon which it was based (which also recommends a range of 10.5 to 12.5 g/dl). The committee agreed that a new audit measure should be added defining the number of patients receiving an erythropoiesis stimulating agent with a haemoglobin concentration above 12.5 g/dl.

### **Relationship with Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes**

KDIGO had held a further meeting of the leads of various guidelines groups (Canadian, Australian, European, KDOQI, UK) at the ASN in San Diego on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 2006. The Renal Association had been represented by John Feehally and DW. One of the objectives of these meetings is to harmonise guidelines by highlighting differences in recommendations. DW explained that the Committee had contributed to the “compare guidelines” section on the KDIGO website ([www.kdigo.org](http://www.kdigo.org)) and that he would require further help from module leads as this process evolved.

### **AOB**

Charlie Tomson agreed that the registry would gradually change its proforma for data collection to reflect the audit measures included in the guidelines.

**Action Charlie Tomson**

Committee members would be asked to complete or update “declarations of interest” documents and these would be posted alongside the guidelines on the website to promote transparency.

**Action David Wheeler  
and Neil Turner**

The relationship between the committee and the Clinical Advisory Board was discussed. Committee members felt that the role of the CAB was to ratify the process of guideline development, rather than to regulate the content of the individual guidelines. This issue will be discussed at the next CAB meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the committee would be planned to correspond with the Renal Association annual conference in Glasgow between 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008.