

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK

Infection Group

Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 5th September 2006, 10.00am
YCRN Meeting Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

Present:

Dr D Birkenhead	Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust
Prof K Kerr (Chair)	Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust
Dr T Collyns Ms S Whiteley	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Dr N Todd	York Hospitals NHS Trust
Miss L Carroll	Yorkshire Cancer Network

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Dr G Cook, Mr S Duffy, Ms K Midgley, Dr P McWhinney, Dr G Smith, Mr B Tinkler, and Dr N Young.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Matters arising

- **Vice Chair YCN Infection Group**

Prof Kerr has approached a colleague who is considering taking on the role of Vice Chair.

- **Septtrin Prophylaxis**

The Haematology Network Group was asked at their meeting on Friday 23rd June 2006 if they felt a Network consensus policy on the use of Prophylactic Septtrin for patients with cancer would be of value. They agreed to first identify what was taking place across the Network. *At the meeting on Friday 8th September Dr Patmore reported there is no agreed Network consensus on duration however this tends to be 480mg once a day. Guidance from the YCN Infection Group would be welcomed.*

- **Administration of antibiotics in cases of Febrile Neutropenia**

Prof Kerr has confirmed with Dr Young there is no current LTHT policy (for children and young people) for Nurse and Patient Group Directives administering antibiotics in cases of febrile neutropenia.

- **Biopatch – proposal from Johnson & Johnson**

Prof Kerr met with colleagues from Johnson & Johnson who are very keen to take forward a clinical trial on Biopatch, however the issue of funding must be addressed before this can commence. A second meeting is taking place to discuss this further.

4. Guidelines

- **Guidelines for Invasive Fungal Infections (IFI) in Immunocompromised Adult Haematology Patients**

Prof Kerr summarised the comments received on the draft Invasive Fungal Infections (IFI) in Immunocompromised Adult Haematology Patients. It was noted that Sara Ali has produced guidelines for Hull Royal Infirmary. As the Haematology Network Group covers two Networks (YCN and H&YCCN) the importance that these guidelines are taken into consideration when producing the YCN ones was emphasised. Miss Carroll agreed to circulate the Hull and YCN guidelines to the former fungal group members. When approved by the former Fungal sub group and the YCN Infection group these will be sent to the YCN and H&YCCN Haematology Group for comments.

Dr Collyns noted that LTHT intend to review their treatment guidelines. A group discussion followed. It was proposed when Leeds review their guidelines appropriate representation from the YCN are involved so they can be adopted by the YCN. Prof Kerr agreed to write to Dr Hobson and Dr Barton with this suggestion.

ACTION: Hull and draft YCN guidelines to be sent to the to the former fungal group
Prof Kerr to write to Dr Hobson and Dr Barton

- **Safe Eating for immunocompromised cancer patients and Safe Eating for patients following a bone marrow transplant – update**

Prof Kerr reported that the Safe Eating guidelines have been taken the YCN User Partnership Information subgroup and are now formally approved by the YCN. When formatted by Jane Garrud at Medical Illustrations Miss Carroll will upload them onto the YCN website and notify relevant colleagues by email.

ACTION: When formatted Miss Carroll to upload Safe Eating guidelines onto website and notify colleagues

- **Febrile Neutropenia policy**

Prof Kerr agreed to clarify if the H&YCCN have produced a Febrile Neutropenia Policy.

Dr Collyns reported that Leeds is in the process of producing a draft Neutropenic policy document and will circulate this to the Network group for comments. He asked if any local policies produced could be sent to him so they can be taken into consideration. After a group discussion Dr Collyns agreed to consider anti tuberculosis therapy in the neutropenic patient.

ACTION: Prof Kerr to clarify if H&YCCN have a Febrile Neutropenia policy
LTHT draft policy to be circulated for comments
Local policies to be sent to Dr Collyns

5. Audit on central line care

Prof Kerr has discussed with Mr Duffy the possibility of undertaking an audit on central line care. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

6. Screening for VZV antibodies post exposure

- Dr Todd prompted a discussion on whether they should rely on a history of chicken pocks for decisions on VZIG in immunosuppressed patients or should everyone be tested for antibodies. After a group discussion it was agreed the guidelines should be checked and amended if necessary.

ACTION: Prof Kerr/Dr Todd to check guidelines and amend if necessary

7. Any other business

- A group discussion regarding the next YCN Infection Educational Event took place. It was agreed an event should take place at the Pavilions of Harrogate in April 2007.

Miss Carroll agreed to email the group for suggested topics/speakers. This can include speakers from outside the Network.

ACTION: Miss Carroll to email group for suggested speakers/topics for the educational event

Miss Carroll to source dates for the event

- Dr Todd reported that he had received a number of responses to his email regarding patients with CLL having VZV infections following fludarabine therapy. Leeds use outline prophylaxis with acyclovir for all patients on fludarabine. After a group discussion it was suggested this topic could be presented at the educational event.
- Dr Todd reported that Dr Laura Munro, Consultant Haematologist at York is interested in joining the YCN Infection group.

ACTION: Miss Carroll to write letter of invite to Dr Munro (actioned 27.09.06)

8. Date and time of 2007 meetings

Tuesday 6th February 2007

Wednesday 16th May 2007

Thursday 6th September 2007

Tuesday 27th November 2007

9. Date of next meeting

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