

YORKSHIRE CANCER NETWORK Infection Group

Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 21 November 2006, 10.00am
YCRN Meeting Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital

Present:	Dr P Godwin	Airedale NHS Trust
	Dr P McWhinney	Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
	Dr D Birkenhead	Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust
	Prof K Kerr (Chair)	Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust
	Dr T Collins Ms K Midgley Dr N Young	Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
	Dr L Munro Dr N Todd	York Hospitals NHS Trust
	Miss L Carroll Mr B Tinkler	Yorkshire Cancer Network.

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Dr G Cook, Ms E Ward, Dr G Smith and Ms S Whiteley.

Dr Laura Munro, Consultant Haematologist at York was introduced and welcomed to the group.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

3. Matters arising

3.1 Vice Chair YCN Infection Group

Dr N Todd volunteered to become Vice Chair of the YCN Infection Group and will discuss the handover with Prof Kerr prior to the next meeting.

ACTION: Prof Kerr and Dr Todd to discuss handover

3.2 Septrin Prophylaxis

At the YCN and HYCCN Haematology meeting on Friday 8th September Dr Patmore reported there is no agreed Network consensus on duration for the use of Septrin Prophylaxis however this tends to be 480mg once a day. They welcomed further guidance from the YCN Infection Group.

Dr Young reported that Leeds is currently working on their prophylactic policy and agreed to circulate these guidelines to the YCN Infection Group for comment.

ACTION: Dr Young send Miss Carroll the Leeds septrin prophylaxis guidelines for circulation

3.3 Biopatch – proposal from Johnson and Johnson

Prof Kerr, Dr Todd and Dr Birkenhead met with representatives from Johnson and Johnson to discuss their proposal. As there is insufficient evidence to recommend the product it was suggested Johnson and Johnson fund a prospectively conducted trial. Johnson and Johnson appeared reluctant to fund such a trial and therefore the YCN Infection Group are currently not in support of using this product.

4. Guidelines

4.1 Invasive Fungal infections (IFI)

A group discussion took place regarding producing Network guidelines for Invasive Fungal Infections. The group agreed it would be beneficial if Network representatives (from YCN and HYCCN) could be involved in the Leeds guidelines meeting on Friday 15th December 2006. Prof Kerr agreed to speak to Dr Hobson regarding this approach.

ACTION: Prof Kerr to speak to Dr Hobson regarding the Network attending the LTHT guidelines

4.2 Safe Eating Guidelines

The YCN Safer Eating guidelines for patients with a weakened immune system and for patients on Campath treatment or after a bone marrow transplant were tabled. Ms Midgley summarised the comments received by the YCN and HYCCN Haematology Nurses. Following a group discussion it was proposed that the Haematology Nurses Lead on undertaking a six month audit to look at how and if these documents are being used and to identify any changes that need to be made. Ms Midgley agreed to feedback to the Haematology Nurses.

Members felt it would be beneficial if these documents could be available in an electronic A5 version. *Since the meeting Medical Illustrations have confirmed that it is not feasible to produce an A5 electronic version. However Jane Archer, YCN Patient Information & Support Manager has agreed to fund printing a number of hard copies for the audit.*

Prof Kerr noted that Martin Child and Jane Archer had sent a letter thanking the YCN Infection Group for allowing the YCN editorial panel to pilot these guidelines.

ACTION: Ms Midgley to inform the Network Haematology Nurses of the audit proposal

4.4 Febrile Neutropenia Policy

Dr Collyns agreed to circulate the draft LTHT Febrile Neutropenia Policy to the group when the Leeds oncologists have endorsed this work.

Mr Thomson, YCN Lead Pharmacist has agreed to be involved in this work if it is to be taken forward by the Network.

ACTION: Dr Collyns to send Miss Carroll the febrile Neutropenia Guidelines for circulation to the group

5. Audit on central line care

Ms Midgley reported that LTHT have arranged a meeting in January 2007 between oncology and haematology to look at amalgamating some of the central line policies.

An in-depth discussion took place regarding audits that could be taken forward by the group.

It was decided the audit on central line care should be postponed until the guidelines on central line care had been reviewed.

It was proposed that an audit on how many units collect complication rates for Hickman lines could be undertaken. It was also suggested that following the revision of the guidelines they should consider a

process for collecting agreed minimum data when inserting a Hickman line. A group discussion followed. Members felt it would be beneficial if a recommendation to undertake a prospective audit was incorporated in the guidance.

ACTION: Further discussion on audit to take place following the review of the guidelines

6. Network Group Development Programme

Prof Kerr informed the group that he had received a letter from Mr Duffy, YCN Medical Director on 24th October inviting expressions of interest to participate in early work on the further development of network groups. Prof Kerr has volunteered the YCN Infection Group.

Since this meeting the Network's Organisational Development Facilitator, David Walton has welcomed the opportunity to organise further exploratory discussions with Prof Kerr and other lead members of the Group (Vice Chair, Nursing, Service Improvement, User Involvement/Patient Information Lead as appropriate) to discuss the project and agree the level of additional support the Network team can offer to support your development needs.

7. Educational Event

The next YCN Infection Educational Event will take place on Friday 27th April 2007 at the Pavilions of Harrogate.

A group discussion followed on possible topics and speakers. Prof Kerr agreed to circulate a draft programme to colleagues who had volunteered/nominated speakers asking them to confirm speakers and titles.

ACTION: Prof Kerr to email members requesting confirmation of speakers and titles (actioned 27/11/2006 and follow-up email 05/01/2007)

8. Date of next meeting

**Tuesday 6th February 2007, 10.00am,
YCRN Meeting Room 1, Ida Nurses Home, Cookridge Hospital**