

Musculoskeletal Working Party

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The Musculoskeletal WP was recently convened in late 2011 and held the first meeting on 13th March 2012.

Remit

The remit of the WP is to review recent literature and current practice with a view to drawing up guidelines on the management of musculoskeletal problems in patients with haemophilia.

Survey of Current Practice

A survey of current practice has been circulated to all HCCCs and HCs in the UK. The results of the survey are currently being collated. The initial results of the survey suggest that there is wide variation in practice in this area. We are using this information to develop a consensus about current “best practice” as well as to identify areas for audit and research to improve the level of evidence available.

Guidance documents in preparation

Two documents are in preparation:

1. Guidance on the peri-operative management of patients with bleeding disorders undergoing orthopaedic procedures.

2. Guidance on management of acute joint/muscle bleeds and chronic joint/muscle problems

Outcome of Orthopaedic Interventions

We are keen to find a way to collect more robust outcome data on orthopaedic interventions. We have approached the National Joint Registry to explore the best way of collecting prospective outcome information on joint replacement surgery in haemophilia.

Apart from joint replacement surgery it would be useful to collect outcome data on other orthopaedic interventions. How this could be done is currently under discussion.

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