

Musculoskeletal Working Party

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Meetings

The Musculoskeletal Working Party was convened in late 2011 (due for review in late 2014). This year the group met on 28th March 2014 at St Thomas's Hospital, London. In addition there has been regular communication by email to progress the current projects.

Objectives

The remit of the working party 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.

Activities and progress

Survey of Current Practice

A survey of current practice was circulated to all Haemophilia Comprehensive Care Centres and Haemophilia Centres in the UK. The results of the survey have revealed significant variation in practice particular in the use of intra-articular steroid injections and radioactive synovectomy in the management of synovitic joints. The results of the survey have been submitted for presentation at the joint UKHCDO/BSHT meeting in Edinburgh, October 2014.

Work with the National Haemophilia Clinical Reference Group

Members of the working party (led by Jonathan Wilde) produced and submitted a Clinical Commissioning Policy on radiosynovectomy which has been approved by the Haemophilia CRG. This has clarified the role of radiosynovectomy and outlined the commissioning process.

Guidance documents in preparation

There has been slow progress with this over the past 12 months. The first guideline is now almost complete and will be circulated for wider comments in the near future. The second guideline will be worked on over the next 6 months with an aim to complete in 2015.

1. Guidance on management of acute joint/muscle bleeds and chronic joint/muscle problems. This document is now near completion and will be circulated for wider discussion in the near future.
2. Guidance on the peri-operative management of patients with bleeding disorders undergoing orthopaedic procedures.

Educational event

The Musculoskeletal Working Party was planning to organise a multidisciplinary educational event in 2014 to provide a forum for discussion and an opportunity to share best practice. However, the World Federation of Haemophilia International Musculoskeletal Congress will be held in Belfast from the 7th to 10th May 2015. Members of the Musculoskeletal Working Party are involved in the organisation of the meeting and several are also presenting. The working party is promoting the WFH meeting to encourage a good attendance from the UK.

Outputs in 2014

A SURVEY OF THE MUSCULOSKELETAL MANAGEMENT OF HAEMOPHILIA IN THE UK. A McKernan¹, J Hanley², P Chowdary³, S Classey⁴, S Frostick⁵ on behalf of the Musculoskeletal Working Party, UKHCDO. ¹Department of Haematology, Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Derby; ²Haemophilia Centre, Newcastle Hospitals NHS Trust, Newcastle upon Tyne; ³Haemophilia Centre, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust; ⁴Guys and St. Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust, London; ⁵Institute of Translational Medicine, University of Liverpool, Liverpool. Presented at Joint British Society for Haemostasis & Thrombosis, UK Platelet Group & United Kingdom Haemophilia Centre Directors' Organisation meeting Edinburgh, October 2014

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