

BCSH Haemostasis and Thrombosis Task Force

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From March 2017, Keith Gomez has taken over the role as secretary to the Task Force, and Julia Anderson has been appointed as the UKHCDO representative. The membership is now complete and Sean Platton and Peter Baker have also joined the Task Force to ensure the correct balance of representatives from different professional groups.

Guidelines Published Last Year

Management of Inherited Bleeding Disorders in Pregnancy. S Pavord, B Madan, T Cumming, W Lester, E Chalmers, B Myers, H Maybury, C Tower, R Kadir. Green-top Guideline No. 71, published 27/04/17.

<https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/guidelines-research-services/guidelines/gtg71/>

Guideline for the management of acute joint bleeds and chronic synovitis in haemophilia. J Hanley, A McKernan, M D Creagh (on behalf of the UKHCDO musculoskeletal working group). Haemophilia 2017 Jul; 23 (4): 511-520.

UKHCDO protocol for the first line immune tolerance induction for children with severe haemophilia A: A protocol from the UKHCDO Inhibitor and Paediatric Working Parties. 01/02/17.

<http://www.ukhcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/ITI-protocol-2017.pdf>

The use of enhanced half-life coagulation factor concentrates in routine clinical practice: guidance from UKHCDO. P Collins, E Chalmers, P Chowdary, D Keeling, M Mathias, J O'Donnell, K J Pasi, S Rangarajan, A Thomas. Haemophilia 2016 Jul; 22 (4): 487-498.

Guidelines in Preparation

H/T041 Laboratory measurement of new factor VIII and IX molecules (24/1/14).

E Gray (c), I Jennings, S Kitchen, K Gomez.

H/T043 use of Viscoelastic Haemostatic Assays in the management of major bleeding.

N Curry, M Laffan, P Collins, A Mumford, E Chalmers.

Management of thrombotic and haemostatic issues in paediatric malignancy.

K Sibson (c), T Biss, C Furness, J Grainger, R Hough, C McCartney, J Payne, E Chalmers.

Diagnosis of Disorders of Platelet Function.

K Gomez (c), T Biss, J Anderson, G Lowe, I Jennings, S Platton, P Baker.

The H&T Task Force considered the incorporation of previous UKHCDO guidance on management in this area into a single guideline but the scope was considered too great, and a separate management guide needs developed. A proposal for guidance on diagnosis of disorders of platelet function will be submitted to the BSH Guidelines Executive pending finalisation of the writing group.

Review of current guidelines

All current guidelines are reviewed against the BSH guidelines process which stipulates that those older than five years require formal review with a new literature search and consideration of updating or archiving. Funding is available from UKHCDO for literature searches, as well as from the BSH. In accordance with the BSH process, each new guideline should incorporate an audit template. It is recognised that not all UKHCDO Guidance will lend itself to the BSH guidelines process, but where possible it is preferable to have a guideline written and approved by BSH along with the mandatory audit template. There has been discussion about the re-design of the UKHCDO website at the Advisory Committee in May 2017 to enable addenda to be added to existing guidelines with clear linking. Alongside the evidence-based BSH Guideline, developed following a professional literature search and review of evidence by the writing group, there are two other styles of guideline: the BSH Good Practice Paper, used to recommend good practice in areas with a less robust evidence base for which a consensus is likely beneficial for patient care; and the BSH Position Paper, the adoption or adaptation of a non-UK evidence-based guideline for use in the UK.

There are currently 21 UKHCDO guidelines, and their status was discussed in detail at the 54th Meeting of the UKHCDO Advisory Committee on 19 May 2017. It was agreed that 12 guidelines require updates, and specific areas of focus include (i) the convening of a writing group to consider updates to the 2013 Dental Task Force guidance, (ii) an update on the out-of-hours care guideline with consideration to publication as a Best Practice Guideline, and (iii) the formation of a Gynaecology Task Force to write new guidance on gynaecological issues in women with inherited bleeding disorders to replace the previous 2006 review written by the Women with Inherited Bleeding Disorders Task Force.

The development of audit templates for existing guidelines is encouraged and an audit template for the Diagnosis and Management of Von Willebrand Disease Guideline, by Laffan et al., British Journal of Haematology 2014 167: 457-465 has been approved by the H&T Task Force.

Other Guidelines of interest

The H&T Task Force will review forthcoming guidance on Von Willebrand Disease from the American Society of Hematology, and guidance and statements from the ISTH SSC on Factors VIII and IX.

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