

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

BRITISH HIP SOCIETY

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST 2008

8.00pm

1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Peter Kay - President; Keith Tucker; Ian Stockley; Graham Gie; John Nolan; Fares Haddad; John Skinner and John Hodgkinson

Invited member: Colin Howie

Apologies: Peter Howard

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE MEETING held on 22 June 2008 were confirmed and approved by the Committee

3. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Wound infection - Colin Howie reported that there had been no new developments but that there would perhaps be further information available at the BOA Annual Conference in September.
- b) Information booklet - John Hodgkinson reported that he had written to Lesley O'Leary and asked her to contact the entire membership initially to try and identify how many different hip information booklets are already available. Members have been asked to send copies of information booklets etc to Keith Tucker and John Nolan at Norwich. Keith and John have then agreed to review the documentation available and report back to the Executive Committee as soon as sufficient information is available.
- c) Metal on metal revisions - John Skinner reported that there have been 550 metal on metal revisions identified on the NJR since 2003. Colin Howie reported that there have only been 25 metal on metal revisions reported on the Scottish registry. Colin suggested that Dominic Meek was contacted by the NJR for further information in respect of the Scottish revisions.

John Skinner explained that all surgeons carrying out revisions of metal on metal prostheses are to be contacted and asked to complete a detailed questionnaire. This questionnaire is to be sent out on National Joint Registry headed notepaper and once the information is available, the “*Metal on Metal Study Group*” will review details and report back to the NJR.

Peter Kay reported that the Duron hips had been withdrawn by Zimmer in the USA. Larry Dorr apparently recommended its withdrawal. The “*Independent on Sunday*” apparently plan to run an article on hip revisions and hip replacements that are failing early. Peter Kay recommended that any queries that we might receive as a result of that newspaper article should be referred to the MHRA press office.

Graham Gie expressed concern about the neck shaft angle of resurfacing hips as well as the angle of the socket. John Skinner reassured him that all risk groups will be reviewed and analysed.

It is hoped that further information will be available within the next few months.

4. BOA IN LIVERPOOL

The BHS involvement and Liverpool programme were reviewed in detail.

Wednesday, 17 September 2008

10.30am - 12.00 noon - There is a National Joint Registry session. The session is intended to present an update on NJR developments and report the highlights of the 5th Annual Report.

Thursday, 18 September 2008

8.30am - 10.00am - British Hip Society - Free Paper Session

10.15am - 12.15pm - The Executive Committee Meeting. John Hodgkinson reported that he had e-mailed David Adams and requested a meeting room with coffee and biscuits. The final details will be forwarded when available.

12.15pm - 1.00pm Watson Jones Lecture - C G Moran - Severe Pelvic Fractures; Management in the First Hour.

3.15pm - National Joint Registry Update/Summary - This will be a repeat of the information presented on the Wednesday.

3.30pm - 4.30pm - British Hip Society - Free Paper Session

4.30pm - For BHS and BASK Members there is a visit arranged to the Tissue Bank in Speke. Peter Kay explained that further information should be available with the BOA Programme. However, numbers are limited and people are encouraged to book early to avoid disappointment.

5.30pm - Poster presentations. Peter Kay explained that the format for poster presentations has changed. Authors will be invited to discuss their posters in groups of 10. There will be a total of 64 posters but only 15 of these will be BHS posters. Graham Gie volunteered to be one of the BHS poster judges. The winner of the poster prize will be announced at the Conference Reception on Thursday evening.

9.00pm - BHS Committee Dinner - John Hodgkinson reported that he had secured a reservation at Piccolino Restaurant, 14a Cook Street, Liverpool. The table is booked for 18 people at 9.00pm.

So far, the following have confirmed they will be attending: Keith and Jill Tucker, John Nolan, John Skinner, Fares Haddad, Ian Stockley, Graham Gie, Colin Howie, Michael Dayton, James Huddleston, Peter Kay and John Hodgkinson. Final numbers will need to be confirmed within 48 hours of the dinner - please let John Hodgkinson know if anyone else plans to attend. It is our normal practice to invite past Presidents of the Society.

Friday, 19 September 2008

8.30am - 10.00am - Peri-operative care of hip replacement patients.

Chairman: John Nolan

Speakers:

Dr Lindsay Barker - Consultant Anaesthetist, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital

“Anaesthetic options and regional anaesthesia for hip replacement surgery, an overview”

Dr Timothy Arnold - Consultant Anaesthetist, Hastings Hospital

“Anaesthesia for fast-track hip replacement surgery”

Dr Egidio Da Silva - Consultant Anaesthetist and Honorary Senior Lecturer, Royal Orthopaedic
Hospital Birmingham

“Peri-operative problems in the elderly patient”

10.30am - 11.15am - British Hip Society - Free Paper Session, this session will include 10 minute presentations from each of the two American Travelling Fellows.

11.15am John Charnley Lecture - Derek McMinn - *“Development of Bearings for Hip Replacement”*.

12.15pm Presidential Guest Lecture - Dr S T Canale, *“Can you hear me now?”*.

2.00pm - 4.00pm - British Hip Society - Free Paper Session

Peter Kay requested volunteers to act as Chair for the BHS Free Paper Sessions.

On Thursday, 18 September the following Executive Members will be available to act as Chair, Ian Stockley, Fares Haddad, Keith Tucker, Colin Howie and John Skinner.

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American Travelling Fellows

The programme was reviewed in detail and was agreed. John Hodgkinson confirmed that although a visit to Derek McMinn in Birmingham was included on the provisional programme, this visit was not possible as Derek was not available on either the 10 or 11 September or the week of the BOA. Peter Howard volunteered to host the American Travelling Fellows if there was a gap in the programme.

It was agreed that the two American Travelling Fellows would travel from Norwich to Manchester on Sunday morning, 14 September. There are apparently few trains out of Norwich on Sunday mornings and it was therefore agreed that they would either travel in a courtesy car or arrangements would be made for one of the Manchester hosts to meet one of the Norwich hosts half way. Keith Tucker will decide how best to arrange this. Peter Kay confirmed that he would make sure that the American Hip Fellows are registered at the BOA and that they would not be asked to pay for their attendance.

National Joint Registry

Keith reported that the 2007 Report will not be ready for this meeting. It is expected that Bill Darling will present details of the “*Outlier Policy*”. John Skinner is apparently going to talk on “*Metal on Metal*” and Paul Gregg will present a paper on “*DVT Prophylaxis*”. It is also anticipated that Martyn Porter will present information regarding “*Revision of Revisions*”. He will discuss types of prostheses used, the life-time of a revision and dislocation rates after revision surgery. Peter Howard will present on the “*Results of Resurfacing Hip Replacements*”.

Keith Tucker may present information on “*Bearing Surfaces*” but reported that the information was inadequate.

Richard Armstrong will present information on how Surgeons can access their own data stored on the NJR.

Although the above is the proposed NJR programme, Keith reported that he remained uncertain about the programme at this stage. Keith reported that Bill Darling had agreed to meet with the Presidents of the BOA, BHS and BASK following Peter Kay’s recent letter written on behalf of the Hip Society. Concern was again expressed by the entire BHS Executive that we do not have direct representation on the NJR.

Colin Howie commented that in Scotland it was very noticeable that a lot of money was being spent on the hire of loan kits for revision surgery. Keith felt that it would be important for Colin to be present at the NJR session in Liverpool and agreed to speak to Bill Darling to try and arrange this.

5. BHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MARCH 2009

John Hodgkinson confirmed that the Manchester Conference Centre had been booked as the venue for next year’s meeting. The main lecture theatre will seat a maximum of 300. There is a smaller lecture theatre which will seat 60 delegates and it is anticipated that this smaller lecture theatre will be occupied by the Arthroplasty Care Practitioners Meeting. John Hodgkinson confirmed that he had spoken to Morag and it is anticipated that the Arthroplasty Care Practitioner Meeting will have approximately 50 delegates. It is anticipated that both groups will come together for some of the instructional sessions and the guest lecture.

It was agreed that the course fees would be greater for those registering on the day. In other words, there should be a financial incentive for delegates to book early. It will also be important for us to know the numbers expected to attend the dinner.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 11 March 2009 - pm - Cadaveric session to be arranged by Johan Witt and Peter Kay at the National Tissue Bank, Speke Liverpool - the numbers able to attend this meeting will be limited.

Thursday, 12 March 2009 - am - Executive Committee Meeting 8.00am - 10.00am

9.30am - 12.30pm - Emerging Hip Surgeons - organisers - Tim Board and Mukesh Hemmady

10.30am - 12.30pm - ? Combined Meeting with Department of Health, Senior BHS Members and Arthroplasty Care Practitioners - "*The Patients' Pathway*".

National Joint Registry

It was considered important that the membership were updated regarding the National Joint Registry and Bill Darling would again be asked to attend the Meeting.

Instructional Sessions

The following topics were suggested but no final decision was made:-

- a. Leg Length Discrepancy
- b. Hip Replacement for Fracture Neck of Femur - ? Hemi-arthroplasty or Total Hip Replacement
- c. New Technology, Implants and Navigation
- d. Appraisals and Re-accreditation
- e. Impingement and Osteotomy, When to Refer?

Further details regarding the programme will be discussed at the Executive Meeting in Liverpool

6. NEWSLETTER

John Hodgkinson reported that he hoped to have this year's newsletter ready for circulation by the end of September 2008. Contributions were requested and the following was agreed:-

Report on BHS Norwich Meeting - from Keith Tucker

DVT Prophylaxis, the latest knowledge and advice - from Colin Howie

Metal on Metal Provisional Report - from John Skinner

NJR - Bill Darling should be asked to prepare brief Report informing the membership of where things are up to, including details of how to access the data.

7. ADVERSE REACTIONS TO CEMENT

Peter Kay explained that in a Report prepared by the Chief Medical Officer to the Patient Safety Agency last year, there was some suggestion that “*Cement was killing patients*”. The entire Executive Committee of the BHS felt that it was important for us to respond to this suggestion and confirmed that none of the Executive Committee, who have a vast experience of using cement during total hip and total knee replacement, felt that there was any concern. Graham Gie confirmed that in a paper to be published in the Journal of Arthroplasty he had reported one death in 10,000 hip replacements which may be attributable to cement. Graham confirmed that appropriate irrigation, cleaning and washing of the femoral canal ensured that the risks of embolisation and adverse reactions to cement are minimised.

Peter Kay agreed to write a letter to the Chief Medical Officer explaining the views of the BHS Executive. This reply will be discussed again at the Executive Meeting in Liverpool.

8. DVT UPDATE

Colin confirmed that a Meeting has been arranged in September regarding the implementation of oral anti-coagulant prophylaxis. Colin confirmed that he had not heard anything from Roger Atkins since our last meeting. Peter Kay confirmed that at Wrightington they are about to start a trial using Riboxaban. Colin felt that the BHS should make a statement to Peter Littlejohn at NICE regarding our concern about the publicity of oral anti-coagulants and the general advice given by NICE. Our concern is that the incidence of wound haematoma following primary hip surgery is likely to increase significantly if more patients are prescribed anti-coagulants. Peter Kay reported that an audit was due to be carried out on the increased incidence of wound wash-out for haematoma at Wrightington Hospital.

There is still no evidence that DVT prophylaxis reduces the incidence of fatal pulmonary emboli.

It was agreed that Colin would try and prepare a statement which could be presented on behalf of the

British Hip Society to NICE.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. A letter from Gordon Bannister, the Secretary General of the European Hip Society was reviewed. The contents were noted and it was agreed that Gordon would be asked to write an article for this year's newsletter. John Hodgkinson will write to Gordon.
- b. Colin reported that the Rheumatological Society had requested guidelines on when patients with rheumatoid arthritis should be referred for hip surgery. It was considered that youth was not a contra-indication to hip replacement surgery in the rheumatoid patient. This topic is to be discussed again in Liverpool.

10. NEXT MEETING

There will be a further Executive Committee Meeting of the British Hip Society in Liverpool at 10.15am on Thursday, 18 September 2008. Details of venue to be confirmed by John Hodgkinson.