

MINUTES OF BRITISH HIP SOCIETY EXECUTIVE TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

ON SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2008 – 8 P.M. TO 10 P.M.

Present: Peter Kay (Chairman)
Keith Tucker
John Skinner
John Nolan
Fares Haddad
Peter Howard
John Hodgkinson

Apologies received from: Graham Gee and Ian Stockley

The conference was also attended by Colin Howie who is the British Hip Society Representative for DVT prophylaxis and wound site infection.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 APRIL 2008

These minutes were approved and confirmed as a true account of the meeting.

DVT PROPHYLAXIS

Colin Howie reported that there will be seven orthopaedic surgeons on the NICE advisory group. Trials will soon commence on the use of oral anti-coagulants for DVT prophylaxis. Details of these trials should soon be available and Colin will keep the BHS Executive Committee informed. He also reported that DVT only occurs after long haul flights if the patient is genetically pre-disposed to suffer DVT. Colin was requested to prepare an article for this year's newsletter.

WOUND SITE INFECTION

Although NICE have reviewed the causes of wound site infection it was noted that they have not considered the per-operative risks including the use of body exhaust suits during total joint replacement. They have offered advice on scrubbing up and have suggested that there is no need to re-scrub between cases. They have also stated that there is no indication for the use of pulse lavage but have recommended the use of iodine impregnated op site. There was some discussion regarding the use of prophylactic intravenous antibiotics and it was noted that several centres including Norwich are now using only a single dose of Cefuroxime prior surgery.

Faris was asked to try and link any further information regarding DVT prophylaxis and wound site infection to the BHS web page.

CEMENT REACTION – MEDICAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Peter Kay reported that the British Hip society had asked to respond to a report prepared by Mike Surkitt-Parr, Clinical Reviewer entitled "Death and severe harm resulting from the use of cemented hip arthroplasties" dated June 2008. This document was discussed at length. Keith Tucker confirmed that he had received a similar document about two years ago and had replied on behalf of the British Hip Society. He suggested that the MPA should contact the Anaesthetic Society for their views. The consensus of opinion was that any risk caused by the use of cement in hip arthroplasty was minimal. It was noted that within the document that STEIS data from 2005 reported five deaths post hip replacement but none could be directly associated with cement. NHSLA data from 2005 was also reviewed and six cases were identified where hip cement was sited as part of the detail of the claim but none however involved death or adverse reaction. It was also noted that the national joint registry included 625 untoward intra-operative events but none of these mentioned bone cement as a cause of these untoward events.

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The 625 cases represented a total of 1% of all hip arthroplasties stored on the NJR. Colin Howie confirmed that uncemented hip arthroplasty when compared to cemented hip arthroplasty produced a higher dislocation rate and a higher peri-prosthetic fracture rate.

The consensus of opinion was that embolic phenomena occurred during femoral canal preparation using broaches and pulse lavage irrigation. It was pointed out that preparation of this nature was required for both cemented and uncemented arthroplasties. Peter agreed to reply on behalf of the British Hip Society to the enclosed document.

SPECIALIST SOCIETY MEETING

This meeting was held in London in May 2008. Peter Kay attended on behalf of the British Hip Society and explained that there was some discussion regarding the use of patient information leaflets and general advice given to patients. It was felt that the British Hip Society should have some general information available on the web site, this information should be set out in a standardised way and it was noted that the British Shoulder and Elbow Society were in the process of preparing a template. In the meantime it was decided that all BHS members would be written to and invited to send copies of any patient information leaflets that they provide for patients. Once this information is available Keith Tucker and John Nolan agreed to review the information and prepare an advice and information leaflet on behalf of the British Hip Society and this document could appear on the web page. JH agreed to write to all members of the British Hip Society and request this information.

METAL ON METAL ADVISORY GROUP

The proposed letter to be sent out to all BOA members was reviewed and approved.

John Skinner confirmed that the MHRA and Metal on Metal Advisory Group met as planned and that the NJR will be used to try and identify the number of metal on metal revisions. John Skinner is in the process of arranging a telephone conference with the metal on metal advisory group in order to finalise a questionnaire which will then be sent out to all surgeons carrying out revision hip surgery. It is hoped that with the information provided by the questionnaires we shall then be in a better position to assess the size of this potential problem. It was considered important to identify a time frame by which this information should be available. It was hoped that more information would be available within the next three – six months.

LIVERPOOL BOA CONFERENCE

Peter Kay confirmed the provisional arrangements for the BOA Conference in Liverpool. There will be NJR sessions on Wednesday 17 September between 10.30 a.m. and 12 p.m. and Thursday 18 September between 3.15 p.m. and 3.30 p.m.

The BHS have free paper sessions on Thursday 18 September between 8.30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. and 4.45 p.m.

On Friday 19th September there will be an instructional session on behalf of the British Hip Society between, 8.30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. The session will be entitled “Anaesthesia in hip surgery including post-operative pain management”. John Nolan agreed to chair this session and it was hoped that the topics covered would include a debate around the most appropriate type of anaesthesia including general anaesthetic, epidural, spinal or a combination. It was also hoped that there would be some discussion regarding the most appropriate anaesthetics in elderly patients. It was also hoped that the session would include input from the anaesthetic department in Hastings who seem to be able to get patients home much earlier than most orthopaedic centres.

John Nolan agreed to prepare a provisional programme with the names of speakers hopefully within the next three weeks.

There will be free paper BHS session between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. on Friday 19 September 2008.

JH requested that space on the programme was created for the two visiting American Travelling Fellows to make short podium presentations.

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Peter Kay will try to arrange this towards the end of the BHS free paper session at the end of Friday morning, immediately before the Charnley lecture.

It was agreed that there would be an executive committee meeting on Thursday morning for two hours. JH agreed to arrange for tea and biscuits to be available.

On Thursday 18 September at 4.00 p.m. there would be a visit to the National Tissue Bank in Speke. The number of places available would be limited but it was hoped that members of the British Hip Society and knee society would quickly fill these places.

There will be a dinner on Thursday evening at 8.30 p.m. for The British Hip Society Executive Committee, past Presidents and Travelling Fellows. JH agreed to arrange this dinner at a restaurant in Liverpool (60 Hope Street, Liverpool – for approximately 20 people).

NJR

The reply from Bill Darling to Peter Kay was reviewed and it seems that there is very little further to report at this time. Peter Howard confirmed that “data feedback” to surgeons at last seemed to be improving and reported that individual surgeons’ data should be available for review by the end of the year. Keith Tucker expressed concern that the Northgate Contract was up for renewal and that there may be a further change in the ownership of the data at Government level. It was decided that Peter Kay would again write to Bill Darling asking for further information on these discussions and the ownership of the NJR data.

AMERICAN TRAVELLING FELLOWS

Matt Austin and Jim Huddleston are due to visit the UK for three weeks in September. Their visit will end at the Liverpool BOA. The itinerary was discussed and it was agreed that the American Fellows would visit the following orthopaedic units.

Fares Haddad in London, Keith Tucker and Jim Wimhurst in Norwich, Graham Gee and John Timperley in Exeter, Ian Stockley in Sheffield, Colin Howie in Edinburgh, Peter Kay et in Wrightington.

BRITISH TRAVELLING FELLOWS

It was agreed that the closing date for applications from trainees would be 31 December 2008. All members of the BHS were encouraged to try and identify appropriate senior trainees that may be interested in this Fellowship.

BHS ANNUAL MEETING MANCHESTER

The dates of this meeting were confirmed as 11th, 12th and 13th March 2009. Peter Kay has provisionally booked the Conference Centre in Manchester. The Conference Centre has convenient hotel accommodation and is big enough to accommodate the BHS and Arthroplasty Care Practitioners in a combined meeting.

The instructional session for trainees on Wednesday afternoon will be at the National Tissue Bank and Tim Board will organise this.

HIP TECHNOLOGIES

Peter Kay reported that the Department of Health are looking at ways of improving health care in hip surgery.

COMBINED MEETING OF BHS WITH BRITISH LIMB RECONSTRUCTIVE SOCIETY

Peter Kay reported that it was hoped that there would be a combined session at the Manchester BOA meeting in 2009.

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CHAIN OF OFFICE

Professor David Hamlin has in the past suggested that there should be a “chain of office” for the President of the British Hip Society. Everyone was agreed that this was a good idea and Peter Kay agreed to arrange it.

ACCEA

JH reported that the Hip Society was registered as a nominating body and that this year’s committee would include Peter Kay, George Bentley, John Skinner, Keith Tucker and Trish Phillips. It was agreed that all applicants seeking the support of the British Hip Society should attempt to submit applications to JH in electronic form by 30 November 2008. This should provide enough time for the BHS excellence awards committee to consider the CVs and prepare citations before the closing date in the middle of January 2009. BHS Members will be encouraged to apply for higher awards both at the BOA annual congress in Liverpool and via the Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER

JH requested that members of the executive committee all prepared articles for this newsletter and asked that a list of topics and authors were identified for the next telephone conference. Ian Stockley was asked to review the situation with regard to the Endoplus and Erias Fellowships.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Peter Kay expressed concern over the monitoring of ongoing agenda items. He felt that there was perhaps a better method to record ongoing agenda items. For example the BHS has representatives of various advisory committees and in order to maintain continuity it was considered that representatives should serve a minimum of three years as BHS representatives on advisory groups.

NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next telephone conference would be on Sunday 10 August at 8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

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