

Minutes of the British Hip Society Executive Committee

25th March 2012

Apologies

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Richard Field

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Executive meeting at the BHS Manchester Congress were reviewed.

In relation to thromboprophylaxis, it was agreed that the discussion at the Annual General Meeting had concluded that Aspirin was an acceptable form of thromboprophylaxis and that we should try and follow the ACCP American guidelines which appear to be less commercial.

Action - Fares Haddad to contact Colin Howie to ask him to produce a piece on thromboprophylaxis for the newsletter in the next six weeks.

John Nolan's amendment to the minutes regarding the BOA MOU was noted. Gordon Bannister will get hold of that document to co-sign it.

I think we also agreed that our (new) president could now sign the Memorandum of Understanding along with the BOA president so that we can initiate our charitable status under the BOA umbrella.

BOA Manchester Meeting

It was agreed that the free paper session 8-10 would be co-chaired by Jonathan Howell and David Sochart if he agrees.

Action – John Hodgkinson will contact him.

The 1030-1200 session will be on non arthroplasty hip surgery.

Action – Fares Haddad will re-contact Richard Field to finalise the programme.

Regarding the second free paper session that may be chaired by one local individual and one of the Executive. Both Fares Haddad and Gordon Bannister have volunteered and will be put down as Chairmen for the time being.

Reinhold Ganz has been invited by John Hodgkinson but has not replied yet for the Presidential lecture.

The afternoon session will be labeled as a workshop. Gordon Bannister wants to review all the videos. Andrew Manktelow will be invited to show what posterior approach type videos he has. Howard Ware apparently has a very good anterolateral video and will be asked to show it to Gordon Bannister and may be invited to speak.

Metal on Metal

There was a long discussion on metal on metal issues. Keith Tucker joined the conference.

It was agreed that a commentary needs to be put out on the MHRA guidance. In particular it was noted that the BHR has an ODEP 10A rating which should be taken into account. Keith Tucker joined the meeting and summarised the NJR findings. He noted that the Birmingham, Adept and the Recap all had satisfactory results (under 1) whereas the Mitch, the Cormet and in particular the ASR did now show acceptable results.

A long discussion ensued around the criteria that should lead to intervention or further follow-up on metal on metal. It was felt that an ODEP10A resurfacing such as a Birmingham does not typically cause alarm if it is fine over the first three years and thus that they should all be followed-up but cross sectional imaging should only be performed in those cases with severe symptoms or any other cause for concern such as implant malposition.

Those that are fully funded such as the ASR follow-up should be yearly and with annual blood tests and cross sectional imaging.

There was a discussion around the important clinical features such as pain and a limp. Key Features include:

A patient who was previously asymptomatic who has become symptomatic.

Catching, grinding or noises in the hip on examination

Patient or Surgeon anxiety.

Any change in function is particularly important.

Rising metal ions were also seen to be important.

Pseudo tumours or collections over 2cm,

solid masses and muscle detachment were all seen to be critical.

It was agreed that Gordon Bannister and John Skinner would finalise some guidance.

The FAQs that John Skinner and Alistair Hart had produced for the ARUK website were reassessed. *John Skinner was going to review them* within the next 48 hours and produce an updated set of FAQs for the BHS/BOA website. It was particularly noted that the BHR in men under 55 with large heads out performs all other implants and thus should still be considered.

The BOA video was discussed. John Skinner was keen that this should be aired. It was agreed that the video would be reviewed by John Skinner, Fares Haddad and Gordon Bannister on behalf of the BHS but almost certainly then aired as needed.

There was discussion around why some Surgeons use the ASR. It was felt that many of them were probably offered training/educational contracts for doing so.

The taper/trunnion issue was discussed in some detail. The Executive felt that there is very little that could be done here without the NJR and industry being signed up to this. It is a complex issue where there are very few true knowns. We know that the 12 14 tapers are not universal. We know that there are concerns around 36 metal heads particularly against crossed linked polyethylene. Our North American colleagues are worried after the Academy meeting recently. We suspect that 36 ceramic heads are safer. We need to really work with industry to get them to admit that there is a concern. The key suggestion we have is that that NJR should be asked to look critically at all manufacturers 36 heads particularly against poly and try and see if there is any data to suggest failures.

Fares to write back to Joe Dias.

Travelling Fellows:

The travelling Fellow itinerary was circulated by John Hodgkison who will contact Olga Foley and suggest they book their flights. It will almost certainly be best for them to fly into London but fly out of Manchester.

The proposed North American plans for future Fellowships to be yearly and for us to send just one Fellow out was discussed. Based on the quality of those applying for the BHS/European travelling Fellowship this year it was felt important to get references in future.

Joe Dyers had sent an email on the same evening as the Executive conference call requesting help with QUIPP/Rightcare. It was felt that this should be reviewed by the Committee and discussed electronically over the next couple of weeks.

John Skinner raised the ARUK expert advisory group on metal on metal which is going to produce a report over the next four months outlining the key research questions. This will then be sent for international peer review. Both he and Martyn Porter are on that group. They felt the most likely issues were going to be toxicity and surveillance.

The next conference call was planned for 27th May 2000.

We have agreed that we will try and produce a **newsletter** in the Spring and that Board members will produce something of interest.

