



Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

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3rd Meeting of the Working Group on Surgical Meshes – AUDIO

Venue: HITEC building, Rue Eugène Ruppert 11, L- 2453 Luxembourg

Meeting date: 26 June 2014, between 10:00 – 12:00

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

6 members of the WG attended the meeting. 2 apologies received. the representative of SANCO B2 joined the meeting for the first part.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Declaration of interests on matters on the agenda

- The Chair requested to participants to declare any interest on the matters on the agenda. No declarations of any conflict of interest were made by participants.
- The Secretariat explained the importance of respecting the principles of independence, transparency, confidentiality while acting as external members of this WG. The focus was on the DoI and the importance of filling them correctly.

4. Discussion on the mandate

- The questions of the mandate have been revised.
- It was proposed to have 2 separate sections in the opinion: one focusing on surgical meshes used for the treatment of urinary incontinence and one focusing on urogynaecological surgical meshes. A third one may be added, the one dealing with surgical meshes used in rectal surgery.

- It was mentioned that the opinion should focus on overall assessment of risks associated with different categories of meshes.
- Literature review should be updated as soon as possible.
- The WG could cooperate with the Swedish Registry as they offered their support on this. Details on how to further proceed with this cooperation will be discussed on 30/06.

5. Any Other Business

Further external experts should be selected – the issue will be discussed on 30/06.