

Health Technology Clinical Committee

Date: February 16, 2024
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Webinar
Adopted: May 17, 2024

Meeting materials and transcript are available on the [HTA website](#).

HTCC Minutes

Members present: John Bramhall, MD, PhD; Clinton Daniels, DC, MS; Janna Friedly, MD, MPH; Conor Kleweno, MD; Laurie Mischley, ND, MPH, PhD; Sheila Rege, MD; Jonathan Sham, MD;

Clinical expert: Joseph Strunk, MD

HTCC Formal Action

- Welcome and Chair remarks:** Dr. Rege, chair, called the meeting to order; members present constituted a quorum.
- HTA program updates:** Josh Morse, program director, presented HTCC meeting protocols and guidelines, and an overview of the HTA program.
- Previous meeting business:**

November 17, 2023 meeting minutes: Draft minutes reviewed. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as written.

Action: Seven committee members approved the November 17, 2023 meeting minutes.

Vote on stereotactic body radiation therapy for renal cancer findings and decision:

Action: Five committee members voted on draft SBRT for renal cancer findings and decision. Decision was not confirmed and will be voted on at next HTCC meeting.

- Spinal cord stimulation**

Washington State agency utilization and outcomes: Christopher Chen, MD, MBA Medical Director for Medicaid, Health Care Authority, presented the state agency recap on spinal cord stimulation. Find the full presentation published with the [February 16 meeting materials](#).

Vendor report/HTCC questions and answers: Andrea Skelly, PhD, MPH Aggregate Analytics, presented the evidence recap for spinal cord stimulation. The full presentation is published with the [February 16 meeting materials](#).

HTCC discussion and action:

Discussion

The committee began their review and discussion of available studies for use of SCS for chronic back pain,

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complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), and painful diabetic neuropathy (PDN). Committee deliberation included straw poll voting on the evidence using the Decision Aid. The committee began to review potential coverage criteria on SCS for failed back surgery syndrome, painful diabetic neuropathy, and nonsurgical refractory chronic back pain. A formal vote and draft coverage criteria were not completed by the time the meeting was adjourned.

Action

The chair directed HTA staff to establish a follow up meeting to complete discussion on SCS to produce draft findings and decision.

5. Meeting adjourned