

Algorithms/Flags Working group meeting
February 2022 DC Meeting Summary

The Working Group was convened by Nina Schooler (NS) in person and Jonathan Rabinowitz (JR) virtually from Israel. In addition to 17 in-person participants, 8 participants, including Janet Williams (JW), joined virtually. The in-person meeting was notable for the number of attendees who were new to the Working Group. The guiding principles of the Group's activities were reviewed. To date four publications have resulted from the group's activities that have provided guidance for review of widely used rating scales; the Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale, the Montgomery Asberg Depression Rating Scale, the Personal and Social Performance Scale and the Hamilton Depression Rating Scale.

The group is currently working on the Hamilton Anxiety Rating Scale (HAM-A). NS and JR thanked Nanco Hefting (NH) for making available a large database of HAM-A ratings from multiple trials. The group initiated review of draft flags provided by JR. The review was not completed and the WG deferred further review to an expert sub-committee including JR, JW and NH. Following that review, the WG will meeting virtually with the goal of completing work on the HAM-A and identifying the next rating scale to review.