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Proposed Single Technology Appraisal (STA)

Rituximab for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis after the failure of conventional disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs

Matrix of consultees and commentators

Consultees	Commentators (no right to submit or appeal)
Manufacturers/sponsors	General
Rituximab (Roche Products)	Board of Community Health Councils in Wales
Patient/carer groups	British National Formulary
Action on Pain	Care Quality Commission
Afiya Trust	 Commissioning Support Appraisals
Arthritic Association	Service
 Arthritis & Musculoskeletal Alliance (ARMA) 	 Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety for Northern Ireland
Arthritis CareBlack Health Agency	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
 Chinese National Healthy Living 	 National Association of Primary Care
Centre	NHS Alliance
Counsel and Care	NHS Commercial Medicines Unit
Equalities National Council	NHS Confederation
Leonard Cheshire Disability	NHS Quality Improvement Scotland
Muslim Council of Britain	Public Health Wales NHS Trust
Muslim Health Network	Scottish Medicines Consortium
 National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society 	
Pain Concern	Comparator manufacturer(s)
Pain Relief Foundation	 AAH Pharmaceuticals (azathioprine,
 Royal Association for Disability & 	sulfasalazine, penicillamine)
Rehabilitation (RADAR)	Abbott Laboratories (adalimumab)
South Asian Health Foundation	Actavis (azathioprine, sulfasalazine,
Specialised Healthcare Alliance	penicillamine)
Drafa asia asl avasura	Almus Pharmaceuticals (sulfasalazine) Arrow Congriss (azathianzina)
Professional groups	Arrow Generics (azathioprine) Astra Zapaca (ablaraguine)
 British Association for Services to the Elderly 	AstraZeneca (chloroquine) Focus Pharmacouticals (azathioprine)
 British Geriatrics Society 	Focus Pharmaceuticals (azathioprine)Genesis Pharmaceuticals
British Health Professionals in	(sulfasalazine)
Rheumatology	GlaxoSmithKline (azathioprine)
British Institute of Musculoskeletal	 Kent Pharmaceuticals (azathioprine,
Medicine Medicine	sulfasalazine, penicillamine)

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Consultees	Commentators (no right to submit or
	appeal)
 British Institute of Radiology British Orthopaedic Association British Pain Society British Society for Rheumatology British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine Physiotherapy Pain Association Primary Care Rheumatology Society Rheumatoid Arthritis Surgical Society Royal College of Anaesthetists Royal College of General Practitioners Royal College of Nursing Royal College of Pathologists Royal College of Physicians Royal College of Radiologists Royal College of Surgeons Royal Pharmaceutical Society Royal Society of Medicine – Intellectual Disabilities Forum Society and College of Radiographers United Kingdom Clinical Pharmacy Association Others Bradford and Airedale Teaching PCT Department of Health NHS Hertfordshire Welsh Assembly Government 	 Metwest Pharmaceuticals (sulfasalazine) Mylan (azathioprine, sulfasalazine, penicillamine) Novartis (ciclosporin) Pfizer (sulfasalazine) Rosemont Pharmaceuticals (sulfasalazine) Sandoz (azathioprine) Sanofi Aventis (hydroxychloroquine, leflunomide, sodium aurothiomalate) Schering-Plough (infliximab, golimumab) Teva UK (azathioprine, sulfasalazine, penicillamine) Tillomed Laboratories (azathioprine) UCB Pharma (certolizumab pegol) Wyeth Pharmaceuticals (etanercept) Relevant research groups Arthritis Research Campaign Chronic Pain Policy Coalition MRC Clinical Trials Unit National Institute for Health Research Policy Research Institute on Ageing and Ethnicity Research Institute for the Care of Older People Evidence Review Group West Midlands Health Technology Assessment Collaboration National Institute for Health Research Health Technology Assessment Programme
	Associated Guideline Groups National Clinical Guideline Centre
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	Associated Public Health GroupsNone

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Appendix B

NICE is committed to promoting equality and eliminating unlawful discrimination.

Please let us know if we have missed any important organisations from the lists contained within the matrix and which organisations we should include who have a particular focus on relevant equality issues.

PTO FOR DEFINITIONS OF CONSULTEES AND COMMENTATORS

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Definitions:

Consultees

Organisations that accept an invitation to participate in the appraisal; the manufacturer(s) or sponsor(s) of the technology; national professional organisations; national patient organisations; the Department of Health and the Welsh Assembly Government and relevant NHS organisations in England.

The manufacturer/sponsor of the technology is invited to make an evidence submission, respond to consultations and has the right to appeal against the Final Appraisal Determination (FAD).

All non-manufacturer/sponsor consultees are invited to submit a statement¹, respond to consultations, nominate clinical specialists or patient experts and have the right to appeal against the Final Appraisal Determination (FAD).

Commentators

Organisations that engage in the appraisal process but that are not asked to prepare an evidence submission or statement, are able to respond to consultations and they receive the FAD for information only, without right of appeal. These organisations are: manufacturers of comparator technologies; NHS Quality Improvement Scotland; the relevant National Collaborating Centre (a group commissioned by the Institute to develop clinical guidelines); other related research groups where appropriate (for example, the Medical Research Council [MRC], National Cancer Research Institute); other groups (for example, the NHS Confederation, NHS Information Authority and NHS Purchasing and Supplies Agency, and the *British National Formulary*.

All non-manufacturers/sponsors commentators are invited to nominate clinical specialists or patient experts.

Evidence Review Group (ERG)

An independent academic group commissioned by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Health Technology Assessment Programme (HTA Programme) to assist the Appraisal Committee in reviewing the manufacturer/sponsor evidence submission to the Institute.

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¹ Non manufacturer consultees are invited to submit statements relevant to the group they are representing.