

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

406 – Thoracoscopic excision of mediastinal parathyroid tumours

Consultation Comments table

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Com. no.	Consultee name and organisation	Sec. no.	Comments	Response
1	Individual patient	1	I agree with all recommendations as long as they are complied with. Special reference to Audit and review. Another recommendation might be that patients are fully informed of this new procedure and its risks. It should not be assumed that these explanations happen automatically.	Please respond to all comments Thank you for your comment. Section 1.2 states that clinicians should ensure that patients understand the potential complications of the procedure and provide them with clear written information
2	Individual patient	2.4	I had open surgery and a ruptured carotid artery, so I reckon this procedure might have been better. No comment	Thank you for your comment. There are no comparative studies available comparing this procedure to open surgery.
3	Individual patient	2.5	How would you know they were malignant before removal?	Section 2.5 has been amended to read 'It was noted that suspicion of parathyroid malignancy may influence the choice of surgical technique used.

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4	Individual patient	General	I agree with all the recommendations so long as they are monitored. That is that there is a check that they are being complied with. Perhaps another recommendation might be that patients have a detailed explanation of the procedure and its risks. It should not be assumed that this happens automatically.	Please respond to all comments Section 1.2 states that clinicians should ensure that patients understand the potential complications of the procedure and provide them with clear written information. The NICE document 'Understanding NICE guidance' to be issued with the guidance contains questions patients may like to consider before having the procedure, including the risks associated with it. It is expected that clinicians performing the procedure will explain these risks to the patient.