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National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

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## **Cetuximab for the treatment of head and neck cancer**

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Royal College of Nursing

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### **Introduction**

With a membership of over 400,000 registered nurses, midwives, health visitors, nursing students, health care assistants and nurse cadets, the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) is the voice of nursing across the UK and the largest professional union of nursing staff in the world. RCN members work in a variety of hospital and community settings in the NHS and the independent sector. The RCN promotes patient and nursing interests on a wide range of issues by working closely with the Government, the UK parliaments and other national and European political institutions, trade unions, professional bodies and voluntary organisations.

The Royal College of Nursing welcomes the opportunity to review the Appraisal Consultation Document of the health technology appraisal of the use of Cetuximab for the treatment of head and neck cancer.

### **Response to the Appraisal Consultation Document**

The Appraisal Consultation Document is comprehensive. The RCN welcomes the recommendation on the use of Cetuximab in combination with radiotherapy as a treatment option for patients with locally advanced squamous cell cancer of the head and neck.

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