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Dear Dr Longson

Re: Coronary artery stents for the treatment of ischaemic heart disease (review of NICE technology appraisal guidance no. 71)

The Royal College of Physicians welcomes the chance to comment on the review documents from the Liverpool Group: Assessment Report 3" and 4'. We would like to endorse the response which has already been submitted by the British Cardiovascular Society/British Cardiovascular Intervention Society (attached).

I trust these comments will be of use.

Yours sincerely

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