

**HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL: NICE Health Technology
Appraisal - Appraisal Consultation Document (ACD)**

**On
Oseltamivir, amantadine and zanamivir for the prophylaxis of influenza
(including a review of guidance No 67)**

TO: NICE

**FROM: NHS Quality
Improvement Scotland**

1. Whether you consider that all the relevant evidence has been taken into account.

This is a comprehensive review undertaken since the last NICE appraisal (67)
Two areas remain unclear, due largely to the paucity of evidence regarding them:
a) The value of prophylaxis specifically for Health care workers in maintaining
business continuity in the NHS during Influenza outbreaks
b) the relevance or otherwise of accessibility of health care which may affect
remote and rural communities

2. Whether you consider that the summaries of clinical and cost effectiveness
are reasonable interpretations of the evidence.

Yes, as a clinician rather than a health economist I am happy to accept the
committee's conclusions which appear very clear and well argued

3. Whether you consider that the provisional recommendations of the Appraisal
Committee are sound and constitute a suitable basis for the preparation of
guidance to the NHS.

Yes. It will be useful to re-assess this in a Scottish context although no major
differences are immediately obvious to me



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Yes

Note recently spontaneous development of oseltamivir resistance has been recognised so choice of drug may depend on known resistance pattern of virus in circulation.

2. Whether you consider that the summaries of clinical and cost effectiveness are reasonable interpretations of the evidence..

Yes

3. Whether you consider that the provisional recommendations of the Appraisal Committee are sound and constitute a suitable basis for the preparation of guidance to the NHS.

Yes, could be adopted for Scottish practice as are.



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As far as I can tell, it appears that both the old and new evidence has been included

2. Whether you consider that the summaries of clinical and cost effectiveness are reasonable interpretations of the evidence.
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The summaries appear to be reasonable interpretations of the evidence provided.

4. Whether you consider that the provisional recommendations of the Appraisal Committee are sound and constitute a suitable basis for the preparation of guidance to the NHS.

Yes, the provisional recommendations are a sound basis.

Reviewer 1.