

Quick reference guide

Routine antenatal anti-D prophylaxis for women who are rhesus D negative

NOTE: This guidance replaces 'NICE technology appraisal guidance 41' issued in May 2002.

The Institute reviews each piece of guidance it issues. This review and re-appraisal of routine antenatal anti-D prophylaxis (RAADP) for women who are rhesus D (RhD) negative has resulted in no change to the recommendations regarding which women are eligible for RAADP and the indications for its use. This review has appraised preparations that can be administered as single-dose or two-dose regimens, and recommends that the preparation with the lowest associated cost should be used.

Guidance

- 1 Routine antenatal anti-D prophylaxis (RAADP) is recommended as a treatment option for all pregnant women who are rhesus D (RhD) negative and who are not known to be sensitised to the RhD antigen.
- 2 When a decision has been made to give RAADP, the preparation with the lowest associated cost should be used. This cost should take into account the lowest acquisition cost available locally and costs associated with administration.

Implementation tools

NICE has developed tools to help organisations implement this guidance (listed below). These are available on our website (www.nice.org.uk/TA156).

- Audit support for monitoring local practice.
- A costing statement explaining the resource impact of this guidance.

Further information

Ordering information

You can download the following documents from www.nice.org.uk/TA156

- A quick reference guide (this document) – a summary of recommendations for healthcare professionals.
- 'Understanding NICE guidance' – information for patients and carers.
- The full guidance.
- Details of all the evidence that was looked at and other background information.

For printed copies of the quick reference guide or 'Understanding NICE guidance', phone NICE publications on 0845 003 7783 or email publications@nice.org.uk and quote:

- N1667 (quick reference guide)
- N1668 ('Understanding NICE guidance').

Related NICE guidance

For information about NICE guidance that has been issued or is in development, see the website (www.nice.org.uk).

- Antenatal care: routine care for the healthy pregnant woman. NICE clinical guideline 62 (2008). Available from: www.nice.org.uk/CG062

Updating the appraisal

This technology appraisal will be considered for review in May 2011. Information about the progress of a review will be posted on the NICE website (www.nice.org.uk/TA156).

This guidance represents the view of the Institute, which was arrived at after careful consideration of the available evidence. Healthcare professionals are expected to take it fully into account when exercising their clinical judgement. This guidance does not, however, override the individual responsibility of healthcare professionals to make appropriate decisions in the circumstances of the individual patient, in consultation with the patient and/or guardian or carer.

Implementation of this guidance is the responsibility of local commissioners and/or providers. Commissioners and providers are reminded that it is their responsibility to implement the guidance, in their local context, in light of their duties to avoid unlawful discrimination and to have regard to promoting equality of opportunity. Nothing in this guidance should be interpreted in a way which would be inconsistent with compliance with those duties.

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