1. Handling of products on Cancer Drugs Fund as of 1 April 2016 as comparator, or in a treatment sequence, in the appraisal of a new cancer product
   1. The Appraisal Committee will determine whether a product on the CDF as of 1 April 2016 could be a potentially valid comparator, or appropriately included in a treatment sequence, by giving consideration to paragraph 6.2.2 and 6.2.3 of the Guide to Methods of Technology Appraisal 2013.  The Committee may consider it valid to include a CDF product as a comparator, or as part of a treatment sequence, and the case for cost-effectiveness for the new cancer product may depend on the inclusion of the CDF product in the treatment pathway. In that case, the resulting guidance for the new product will indicate that the recommendations may be reviewed if the CDF product is no longer widely available in the NHS; that is, not recommended by NICE in the context of the CDF transition arrangements (see section 6.6 of the Guide to the processes of technology appraisal).
   2. Companies of the new cancer products under appraisal should consider the implications of comparators, or treatment sequence products no longer being available in the NHS after NICE has completed its CDF reviews and should submit analyses exploring these scenarios. Companies are encouraged to present a case for cost effectiveness that mitigates the risk of recommendations for their new cancer product being reviewed if CDF products are no longer widely available after the CDF reviews have concluded.
   3. Decisions will be based on economic analyses that use the cost of the CDF product that the NHS is incurring; that is, the cost on which basis it remained on the CDF as of 1 April 2016, or the cost on which basis it remains on the CDF after reconsideration by NICE as part of the CDF transition arrangements, or the costs on which basis it moves to routine commissioning after reconsideration by NICE as part of the CDF transition arrangements, whichever is applicable.

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