

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE**

**GUIDANCE EXECUTIVE (GE)**

**Consideration of consultation responses on review proposal**

**Review of TA145; Cetuximab for the treatment of head and neck cancer**

This guidance was issued June 2009 with a review date of March 2011

**Background**

At the GE meeting of 29 March 2011 it was agreed we would consult on the review plans for this guidance. A four week consultation has been conducted with consultees and commentators and the responses are presented below.

<b>Proposal put to consultees:</b>	The guidance should be transferred to the 'static guidance list'.
<b>Rationale for selecting this proposal</b>	One on-going trial of radiation therapy with or without cetuximab in treating patients who have undergone surgery for locally advanced head and neck cancer (NCT00956007) is expected to complete in June 2015. Its primary outcome is overall survival and has an estimated enrolment of 700 adults. It is therefore recommended that the decision to review this guidance be deferred until after 2015 when the results of NCT00956007 become available, when the degree to which the results of the trial impact on the recommendations in the current guidance are known. No other ongoing trials have an impact on this patient population or the current guidance.

GE is asked to consider the original proposal in the light of the comments received from consultees and commentators, together with any responses from the appraisal team. It is asked to agree on the final course of action for the review.

<b>Recommendation post consultation:</b>	The guidance should be transferred to the 'static guidance list'.
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<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Response to proposal</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Comment from Technology Appraisals</b>
Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency	No comment		
National Cancer Research Institute/Royal College of Physicians/ Royal College of Radiologists/ Association of Cancer Physicians/Joint Collegiate Council for Oncology	Agree	NCRI/RCP/RCR/ACP/JCCO has considered the above review proposal and agrees with the NICE recommendation.	

Respondent	Response to proposal	Details	Comment from Technology Appraisals
Public Health Wales NHS Trust	Agree	Public Health Wales NHS Trust agrees with the proposal to move the guidance to the static list.	
British Association of Head & Neck Oncologists	No objection	There is no new information which would change the recommendation of NICE and would suggest it remains with the present indications only.	
Healthcare Improvement Scotland	No comment	Healthcare Improvement Scotland (formerly NHS Quality Improvement Scotland) has no comment to make on the proposal to transfer this guidance to the static list.	
Royal College of Nursing	No comment	There are no comments to make at this stage on behalf of the Royal College of Nursing.	

**No response received from:**

<p><u>Manufacturers/sponsors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Merck Serono (cetuximab)</li> </ul> <p><u>Patient/carer groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Afiya Trust</li> </ul>	<p><u>General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Board of Community Health Councils in Wales</li> <li>▪ British National Formulary</li> <li>▪ Care Quality Commission</li> <li>▪ Commissioning Support Appraisals Service</li> <li>▪ Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety for Northern Ireland</li> </ul>
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- Black Health Agency
- CANCERactive
- Cancer Black Care
- Cancer Equality
- Cancer Laryngectomee Trust
- Cancer 52
- Changing Faces
- Chinese National Healthy Living Centre
- Counsel and Care
- Equalities National Council
- Get A-Head
- Helen Rollason Heal Cancer Charity
- Let's Face it
- Macmillan Cancer Support
- Maggie's Centres
- Marie Curie Cancer Care
- Mouth Cancer Foundation
- Muslim Council of Britain
- Muslim Health Network
- National Association Of Laryngectomee Clubs
- Rarer Cancers Foundation
- South Asian Health Foundation
- Specialised Healthcare Alliance
- Sue Ryder Care
- Tenovus

Professional groups

- Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland
- British Association of Head and Neck Oncology Nurses
- British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

- National Association for Primary Care
- National Pharmacy Association
- NHS Alliance
- NHS Commercial Medicines Unit
- NHS Confederation
- Scottish Medicines Consortium

Possible comparator manufacturers

- None

Relevant research groups

- Institute of Cancer Research
- Head and Neck Cancer Research Trust
- MRC Clinical Trials Unit
- National Cancer Research Network
- National Institute for Health Research
- Research Institute for the Care of the Elderly

Assessment Group

- Assessment Group tbc
- National Institute for Health Research Health Technology Assessment Programme

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ British Association of Otorhinolaryngologists</li> <li>▪ British Association of Services for the Elderly</li> <li>▪ British Association of Surgical Oncology</li> <li>▪ British Dental Health Foundation</li> <li>▪ British Geriatrics Society</li> <li>▪ British Institute of Radiology</li> <li>▪ British Oncological Association</li> <li>▪ British Psychosocial Oncology Society</li> <li>▪ Cancer Network Pharmacists Forum</li> <li>▪ Cancer Research UK</li> <li>▪ Royal College of Anaesthetists</li> <li>▪ Royal College of General Practitioners</li> <li>▪ Royal College of Pathologists</li> <li>▪ Royal College of Surgeons</li> <li>▪ Royal Pharmaceutical Society</li> <li>▪ Royal Society of Medicine</li> <li>▪ Society and College of Radiographers</li> <li>▪ United Kingdom Oncology Nursing Society</li> </ul> <p><u>Others</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Department of Health</li> <li>▪ NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly</li> <li>▪ NHS Redcar and Cleveland</li> <li>▪ Welsh Assembly Government</li> </ul>	<p><u>Associated Guideline Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ National Collaborating Centre for Cancer</li> </ul> <p><u>Associated Public Health Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ none</li> </ul>
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