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Dear Emily,

Re: NICE Health Technology Appraisal: Strontium ranelate for the prevention of osteoporotic fractures.

The British Society for Rheumatology (BSR) has been unable to participate fully in the appraisal of the above treatment due to staff shortages, however, we have had an opportunity to see the evidence submitted by the National Osteoporosis Society (NOS) and are can broadly support these recommendations.

We offer this support as a result of liaising with our nominated clinical expert for this appraisal, Professor Cyrus Cooper, Professor of Rheumatology at Southampton General Hospital and Director of the MRC Epidemiology Resource Centre. Professor Cooper has also acted as adviser to NOS in the production of this evidence.

The Society feels that the following key points are particularly worthy of emphasis:

- Strontium ranelate is approved for prevention of vertebral and hip fractures
- It is not associated with Gastrointestinal side effects
- It is useful in the elderly and very elderly

Please do contact Policy Officer at BSR if you require any further information from the society.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive