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Single Technology Appraisal (STA)

Infliximab for the treatment of acute exacerbations of ulcerative colitis

Proposed matrix of consultees and commentators

Consultees	Commentators (no right to submit or appeal)
Manufacturers/sponsors	General
 Schering-Plough Ltd (infliximab) Patient/carer groups Afiya Trust Age Concern England Black Health Agency British Ethnic Health Awareness 	 Age Concern Cymru Board of Community Health Councils in Wales British National Formulary Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety for Northern Ireland Medicines and Healthcare products
Foundation (BEHAF) Chinese National Healthy Living Centre	Regulatory Agency (MHRA) National Public Health Service for Wales
 Colostomy Association Confederation of Indian Organisations Continence Foundation CORE (previously known as: Digestive Disorders Foundation) Counsel and Care 	 NHS Confederation NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency NHS Quality Improvement Scotland Scottish Medicines Consortium Comparator manufacturer(s)
 Equalities National Council Help the Aged InContact 	Novartis Pharmaceuticals UK Ltd (ciclosporin)
 Muslim Council of Great Britain Muslim Health Network National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease (NACC) Ostomy Lifestyle Centre South Asian Health Foundation Specialised Healthcare Alliance 	 Relevant research groups MRC Clinical Trials Unit Policy Research Institute on Ageing and Ethnicity Research Institute for the Care of the Elderly
 Professional groups Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland British Association for Services to the 	 Evidence Review Group National Coordinating Centre for Health Technology Assessment West Midlands Health Technology Assessment Collaboration
ElderlyBritish Society of GastroenterologyPrimary Care Society for Gastroenterology	 Associated Guideline Groups National Collaborating Centre for Nursing and Supportive Care

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Consultees	Commentators (no right to submit or appeal)
 Royal College of Anaesthetists Royal College of General Practitioners Royal College of Nursing Royal College of Pathologists Royal College of Physicians Royal College of Surgeons Royal Pharmaceutical Society Royal Society of Medicine – Intellectual Disabilities Forum 	
Others Department of Health Milton Keynes PCT Oldham PCT Welsh Assembly Government	

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Please let us know if we have missed any important organisations from the lists contained within the matrix and which organisations we should include who have a particular focus on relevant equality issues.

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Definitions:

Consultees

Organisations that accept an invitation to participate in the appraisal; the manufacturer(s) or sponsor(s) of the technology; national professional organisations; national patient organisations; the Department of Health and the Welsh Assembly Government and relevant NHS organisations in England.

The manufacturer/sponsor of the technology is invited to make an evidence submission, respond to consultations and has the right to appeal against the Final Appraisal Determination (FAD).

All non-manufacturer/sponsor consultees are invited to submit a statement¹, respond to consultations, nominate clinical specialists or patient experts and have the right to appeal against the Final Appraisal Determination (FAD).

Commentators

Organisations that engage in the appraisal process but that are not asked to prepare an evidence submission or statement, are able to respond to consultations and they receive the FAD for information only, without right of appeal. These organisations are: manufacturers of comparator technologies; NHS Quality Improvement Scotland; the relevant National Collaborating Centre (a group commissioned by the Institute to develop clinical guidelines); other related research groups where appropriate (for example, the Medical Research Council [MRC], National Cancer Research Institute); other groups (for example, the NHS Confederation, NHS Information Authority and NHS Purchasing and Supplies Agency, and the *British National Formulary*.

All non-manufacturers/sponsors commentators are invited to nominate clinical specialists or patient experts.

Evidence Review Group (ERG)

An independent academic group commissioned by the NHS Research and Development Health Technology Assessment Programme (HTA Programme) to assist the Appraisal Committee in reviewing the manufacturer/sponsor evidence submission to the Institute.

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¹ Non manufacturer consultees are invited to submit statements relevant to the group they are representing.