

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

Sunitinib for the treatment of gastrointestinal stromal tumours

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Introduction

With a membership of over 400,000 registered nurses, midwives, health visitors, nursing students, health care assistants and nurse cadets, the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) is the voice of nursing across the UK and the largest professional union of nursing staff in the world. RCN members work in a variety of hospital and community settings in the NHS and the independent sector. The RCN promotes patient and nursing interests on a wide range of issues by working closely with the Government, the UK parliaments and other national and European political institutions, trade unions, professional bodies and voluntary organisations.

Appraisal Consultation Document – RCN Response

The Royal College of Nursing welcomes the opportunity to review the Appraisal Consultation Document (ACD) of the technology appraisal of Sunitinib for the treatment of gastrointestinal stromal tumours.

Nurses working in this area of health have reviewed the ACD for this appraisal on behalf of the RCN. The RCN notes that the Appraisal Committee has recommended that NICE request further clarification from the manufacturer of sunitinib to inform the use of this technology.

We look forward to reviewing the report following the second Appraisal Committee.