



National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

Topotecan for the treatment of small cell lung cancer

Royal College of Nursing

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.

Assessment Report – RCN Response

The Royal College of Nursing welcomed the opportunity to review the Assessment Report of the health technology appraisal of Topotecan for the treatment of small cell lung cancer.

Nurses working in this area of health have reviewed the Assessment Report and consider it comprehensive. There are no additional comments to make on this document at this stage of the appraisal on behalf of the RCN.

We note that the Appraisal Committee will consider this report together with all responses received from participants involved in the appraisal of this health technology. We are looking forward to receiving the decision of the Committee and the opportunity to review it.

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