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Review of TA257; Breast cancer (first-line treatment of metastatic hormone-receptor positive) - lapatinib and trastuzumab (in combination with an aromatase inhibitor)

Final recommendation post consultation

TA257 will be transferred to the 'static guidance' list.

1. Background

This guidance was issued in June 2012.

At the GE meeting of 16 June 2015 it was agreed that we would consult on the recommendations made in the GE proposal paper. A four week consultation has been conducted with consultees and commentators and the responses are presented below.

2. Proposal put to consultees and commentators

TA257 should be transferred to the 'static guidance' list.

3. Rationale for selecting this proposal

No new evidence has been found that would be expected to change the recommendations in TA257.

A subcutaneous version of trastuzumab is available, but it is not anticipated that this formulation would be significantly more cost effective than the intravenous version.

4. Summary of consultee and commentator responses

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Respondent: Novartis Pharmaceuticals

Response to proposal: Agree

Novartis agrees that the guidance should be moved to the static list as there is no new evidence that would change the conclusions in the current guidance.

Comment from Technology Appraisals

Response noted.

Respondent: Royal College of Pathologists

Response to proposal: No comment

Comment from Technology Appraisals

Response noted.

Respondent: Roche Products

Response to proposal: Agree

We have nothing further to add from our original response on 7th April 2015. We acknowledge the movement of TA257 to the static list and agree that at the time of update to the clinical guideline for Advanced breast cancer: Diagnosis and treatment (CG81), or any other relevant clinical guideline, that it would be appropriate to include the recommendations made in TA257.

Comment from Technology Appraisals

Response noted.

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