

Dear Sir/Madam

please find below comments on behalf of the British Pain Society compiled by

- Yes. I feel that they have taken into account all of the most important evidence.
- I do not feel qualified to question the cost-effectiveness data, although my understanding from reading the paper is that they have come to a reasonable conclusion. With regard to the clinical data, I feel that although generally they have come to a reasonable conclusion, I question why they have set a limit of acute fracture less than 6 weeks old. Many of the papers do not put such a time limit, and, in fact, the 2 double blind placebo studies (Buckbinder & INVEST) allowed patients with fractures up to 12 months old. I would agree with their view that kyphoplasty is most useful in relatively recent fractures, but feel that the time that vertebroplasty should be considered needs to be extended, particularly if there is MRI evidence of non-healing of the fracture.
- Apart from my comments above, I feel that the recommendations are sound
- I do not feel that there are any aspects of the recommendations that need particular consideration.

Regards

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