

**Naltrexone for the management of opioid dependence- NICE appraisal**

**Appraisal Consultation Document**

**Comments from The Royal College of Psychiatrists July 2006**

The Appraisal Consultation Document is a comprehensive and representative summary of the current evidence base.

The authors rightly point to the lack of strong data supporting the use of oral Naltrexone but balance this with the low economic impact and potential value in specific groups of patients.

The need for further research is well made.

Hopefully in time this document will be expanded to include the use of naltrexone in detoxification and the depot preparation.