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**Cinacalcet hydrochloride for the treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism in patients with end-stage renal disease on maintenance dialysis therapy**

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### **Introduction**

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### **Response to the Appraisal Consultation Document (ACD)**

The Royal College of Nursing welcomes this comprehensive document.

With regard to section 6.2 although we concur with the comment on the lack of evidence in this group of patients, we are disappointed that it will not be recommended for patients who are unsuitable for parathyroidectomy and have been unsuccessfully treated with standard therapies. This group of patients have no other treatment options and often have very symptomatic renal osteodystrophy. In the light of this, we ask that the Committee reconsiders its recommendation.

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