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From:

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Sent:

09 June 2005 15:31

To:

Alana Miller

Subject:

RE: Carmustine implants and temozolomide for the treatment of newly diagnosed high

grade glioma - evidence - RCN comments

Importance:

High

## Dear Alana

This is just to let you know that the feed back I have had so far from nurses working in oncology area of health suggest that there is no additional evidence to submit on behalf of the RCN, to inform the development of the above guidance. It is considered that best available evidence can be obtained via the normal systematic reviews.

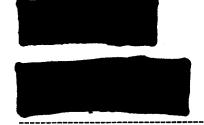
One of our reviewers, however, made a specific comment relating to patients with brain tumours who are on steroids. He considers that many patients with brain tumours are on steroids, and has often wondered whether at times some of the benefits attributed to the chemotherapy may well be derived from the steroid therapy. Therefore, do steroids have a synergistic role when administered with chemotherapy? He raised this point at the Consultees' Information meeting, and although it was stressed by some attendees that it probably would be difficult to determine. If evidence allows, it would be useful to consider this issue.

Thank you for the invitation to submit evidence. Please acknowledge receipt.

## Regards

## Caroline

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