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Subject: Health Technology Appraisals 160 and 161: Alendronate, etidronate, risedronate, raloxifene and strontium ranelate for the primary prevention of osteoporotic fragility fractures in postmenopausal women, and; Alendronate, etidronate, risedronate, raloxif...

Dear NICE

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Decision Support Unit (DSU) report for the above (two) health technology appraisals.

I have received comments from my colleagues in the Department of Health as follows:

"In our opinion, this is a highly technical issue. It is connected with the health economic modelling underlying the above NICE technology appraisals, a vital area of interest generally (and for the Department of Health, as we have recently issued a toolkit for PCTs etc on the commissioning of fracture prevention services). The outcome from the DSU does not appear to result in any changes to the NICE guidance. As such, it does not alter the clinical activity promoted by our Department in its various actions (DES, etc).

You may wish to be aware that the cost effectiveness is already incorporated into our impact assessment, and that this decision does not alter the validity of anything that has previously been provided by our Department for commissioners etc".

Many thanks and best wishes

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