

Dear Christopher

Please find comments submitted on behalf of the Royal College of Nursing on the Assessment Report for the above technology appraisal.

1. whether we agree with the interpretation of the evidence base, particularly with regard to the clinical effectiveness

Yes

2. if any relevant evidence has been left out

The RCN is not aware of any evidence

3. how should the clinical results be interpreted in the context of current clinical practice

The RCN recommends that the use of CPAP should be available with minimum waits in referral centres for severe and moderate patients. It may be useful to suggest that certain tools are used to assess sleepiness so that consistency can be achieved in data collection. This is more difficult in patients with mild disease who 'MAY' benefit. It is suggested that these patients be offered a trial of CPAP. Local centres should consider this group but measure the benefit.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this report.

Regards

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On behalf of Caroline Rapu