

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

057 – Tonsillectomy using laser

Comments table

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Consultee name and organisation	Section no.	Comment no.	Comments	Response Please respond to all comments
BUPA	1 Provisional recommendations	1	BUPA agrees, somewhat reluctantly, generally because of the slow healing and extra pain associated with the laser rather than cold steel procedures and specifically in the context of KTP laser because of risk for patients of bleeding at home afterwards.	Thank you, your comment has been noted.
BUPA	2.3 Efficacy	2	This section would be enhanced by a sentence on efficacy from the point of view of the extent to which the laser procedure reduces tonsillar size in the long term, and frees people from bouts of tonsillitis.	Efficacy section concentrates on removal of the tonsils (i.e. post-operative pain, return to diet). The Committee considered the issue but decided to make no change to the guidance.
BUPA	2.4 Safety	3	Again, an extra sentence here on what it known on the absolute and relative risks of nCJD connected with tonsillectomy using laser or cold steel. As a patient, which method would one choose, or would one opt to soldier on with one's symptoms?	Thank you, your comment has been noted, however this is not in the remit of the IP programme.