

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

658 – Interstitial photodynamic therapy for malignant parotid tumours

Consultation Comments table

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Comment no.	Consultee name and organisation	Section no.	Comments	Response
				Please respond to all comments
1	Individual Clinician	General	<p>Reading this again - is it suggested that Photodynamic Therapy be offered to malignant parotid tumours as a primary treatment or as palliation !</p> <p>The current recommendation so surgery +/- postoperative RT</p> <p>The role of chemotherapy is being debated -- but only in a progressive and ? palliative intent!</p> <p>PDT ??? role -- it is my view experimental treatment!</p> <p>How many people or clinics have PDT Therapy available ! Where did this request generate from ! -- probably London ! As far as I am aware there are only 2 centres in London who provide PDT for multifocal oral cavity dysplasia or cancers !</p>	<p>Section 2.1.3 states that “PDT may be used for patients whose parotid tumours are refractory to other forms of treatment or for those with recurrent parotid tumours.”</p> <p>The guidance states that conventional treatment involves surgical excision.</p> <p>The overview states that “Four Specialist Advisers described the procedure as novel with uncertain safety and efficacy and two described it as a minor variation of an established procedure.”</p>
2	BUPA	1	BUPA agrees	Noted, thank you.
3	BUPA	2.1	No comment, thank you	Noted, thank you.
4	BUPA	2.2	No comment	Noted, thank you.

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5	BUPA	2.3	Progression free survival and overall survival are usually regarded as equally important outcomes in trials of oncology drugs and biologicals. Shouldn't the same conventional apply to physical treatments for cancers?	Please respond to all comments Section 2.3.2 is the opinion of Specialist Advisers.
6	BUPA	2.4	No comment	Noted, thank you.