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**Attachments:** Final ACD for consultation 16 03 06[1].doc



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consultation 16 ...

Dear Alana,

In response to the ACD, I have discussed it with Robin Kennedy and members of Council of the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland. We feel that all relevant evidence has been taken into account. The summaries of clinical and cost effectiveness are reasonable interpretations of the evidence and the preliminary views on the resource impact and implications for the NHS are appropriate. The provisional recommendations of the Appraisal Committee are sound and constitute a suitable basis for the preparation of guidance to the NHS with one or two suggested alterations (highlighted in the ACD attached). We have also added a suggested section on audit - 7.3.3.

As there are relatively few surgeons fully trained in the technique at present we feel it should be considered as an alternative to open surgery rather than recommended at this stage. We also request that the technology is considered for review at the end of 2009 or early 2010 because we have just submitted a full application to cruk to fund a multicentre randomised trial of laparoscopic v open surgery within an enhanced recovery program. Results should be available towards the end of 2009 and will answer many of the questions about short term recovery when compared to open surgery and cost.

If you have any concerns please contact me by e-mail or my secretary 01276 604236.

Yours sincerely

Mark Gudgeon

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