

The British Renal Society welcomes the relaxation of the recommendations relating to prescription of cinacalcet. However, we strongly suggest that the condition 'when surgical parathyroidectomy is contraindicated' is inappropriately restrictive. This wording fails to recognize the complexity of such management decisions which are usually a difficult balance of risk versus potential benefit. Nor does it recognise where the responsibility lies for deciding whether or not surgical parathyroidectomy is contraindicated. We should suggest that the condition should more appropriately read 'when in the opinion of the responsible clinician, the risks of surgical parathyroidectomy outweigh the potential benefits'.