



National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

Adalimumab for the treatment of psoriasis

Royal College of Nursing

Introduction

With a membership of over 400,000 registered nurses, midwives, health visitors, nursing students, health care assistants and nurse cadets, the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) is the voice of nursing across the UK and the largest professional union of nursing staff in the world. RCN members work in a variety of hospital and community settings in the NHS and the independent sector. The RCN promotes patient and nursing interests on a wide range of issues by working closely with the Government, the UK parliaments and other national and European political institutions, trade unions, professional bodies and voluntary organisations.

Appraisal Consultation Document – RCN Response

The Royal College of Nursing welcomes the opportunity to review the Appraisal Consultation Document (ACD) on the use of Adalimumab for the treatment of psoriasis.

Nurses working in this area of health have reviewed the ACD for the health technology appraisal of Adalimumab for the treatment of psoriasis. The document is comprehensive. Psoriasis is a chronic debilitating condition, often resulting in hospitalisation for many patients. The RCN will welcome guidance to the NHS which will improve the quality of life these patients.

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