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Dear Ms Fuller

**Re: Appraisal of coronary artery stents for the prevention of ischaemic heart disease
(review of guidance No. 71)**

The Royal College of Physicians is very concerned about the NICE Assessment Report on the above subject and we would ask NICE to review this issue urgently. The College has seen a copy of the letter dated 10 January which you will have received from the British Cardiac Society and the British Cardiovascular Intervention Society. We are writing to endorse their comments and would be grateful if you could reconsider the recommendations in the Assessment Report in the near future.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Registrar