

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

**Alitretinoin for the treatment of chronic eczema of the hand, refractory to  
steroids**

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Royal College of Nursing

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**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.

The Royal College of Nursing welcomes the opportunity to review the Appraisal Consultation Document of the health technology appraisal of Alitretinoin for the treatment of chronic eczema of the hand, refractory to steroids.

**Response to the Appraisal Consultation Document**

Nurses working in this area of health have reviewed the Appraisal Consultation Document and consider it comprehensive. There are no additional comments to make on this document. The RCN will welcome national guidance to the NHS on the use of this health technology.