National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

Bevacizumab in combination with a taxane for the first-line treatment of metastatic breast cancer

Royal College of Nursing

Introduction

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) was invited to review the Appraisal Consultation Document (ACD) for Bevacizumab in combination with a taxane for the first-line treatment of metastatic breast cancer.

Nurses working in this area of health reviewed the consultation documents on behalf of the RCN.

Appraisal Consultation Document – RCN Response

The Royal College of Nursing welcomes the opportunity to review this document. The RCN's response to the four questions on which comments were requested is set out below:

i)   **Has the relevant evidence has been taken into account?**

      We would ask that the evidence should include all relevant current evidence.

ii)   **Are the summaries of clinical and cost effectiveness reasonable interpretations of the evidence, and are the preliminary views on the resource impact and implications for the NHS appropriate?**

      The summaries of the clinical and cost effectiveness of this appraisal should be aligned to the clinical pathway followed by these patients. The preliminary views on resource impact and implications should be in line with established standard clinical practice.

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iii)   **Are the provisional recommendations of the Appraisal Committee sound and do they constitute a suitable basis for the preparation of guidance to the NHS?**

Nurses working in this area of health have reviewed the recommendations of the Appraisal Committee and do not have any further comments to make at this stage.

iv)   **Are there any equality related issues that need special consideration that are not covered in the ACD?**

None that we are aware of at this stage. We would however, ask that any guidance issued should show that equality issues have been considered and that the guidance demonstrates an understanding of issues concerning patients' age, faith, race, gender, disability, cultural and sexuality where appropriate.

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