National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Total hip replacement and resurfacing arthroplasty for the treatment of pain or disability resulting from end stage arthritis of the hip (Review of technology appraisal guidance 2 and 44)

Royal College of Nursing

Introduction

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) was invited to review the Appraisal Consultation Document (ACD) for total hip replacement and resurfacing arthroplasty for the treatment of pain or disability resulting from end stage arthritis of the hip (Review of technology appraisal guidance 2 and 44).

Nurses in the RCN Society of Orthopaedic and Theatre Nursing and Rheumatology Nursing Forum Committee who care for people with arthritis reviewed the documents on behalf of the RCN.

Appraisal Consultation Document – RCN Response

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

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

The evidence considered seems comprehensive and seems to have provided a comprehensive overview of relevant theory/research on this topic.

ii) **Are the summaries of clinical and cost effectiveness reasonable interpretations of the evidence?**

The actual costing does seem significant however this is the 'market rate' for the product and as such needs acceptance so any work that can be done to limit increases needs consideration and continued monitoring of 'best price' considered.

iii) **Are the provisional recommendations sound and a suitable basis for guidance to the NHS?**

We consider that appropriate recommendations have been made to provide care for this patient group and this is using evidence on outcome measures recognised as standard tools to evaluate impact of care provision to the patient's quality of life. The work has also compared factors outside of the UK system and in particular has looked at the Swedish Registry which has longer follow up data, thus providing a suitable basis for the guidance recommendations.

The RCN would welcome guidance to the NHS on the use of this health technology.

Iv) **Are there any aspects of the recommendations that need particular consideration to ensure that NICE avoids unlawful discrimination against any group of people on the grounds of race, gender, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation, age, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity?**

We are not aware of any specific issue at this stage. We would ask that any guidance issued should show that an equality impact analysis has been considered and that the guidance demonstrates an understanding of issues relating to all the protected characteristics where appropriate.