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Dear Sir or Madam

**Health Technology Appraisal**

**Review of NICE Technology Appraisal Guidance No.49, ultrasound locating  
devices for placing central venous catheters**

**Proposal to move guidance to the static list**

As you may be aware the planned date for review of the above guidance was August 2005.

This is the date at which the Institute decides whether sufficient new evidence has emerged for the Appraisal Committee to be asked to undertake a full review appraisal.

Having re-run the search strategy from the original assessment report the Institute has not found any relevant additions to the evidence base that would have a material effect on the guidance. Consequently we propose that the original guidance become static.

In order to be completely confident that this is appropriate, we are asking all original consultees, to inform us of any evidence which would suggest that a review would be beneficial. Please see appendix A for a full list of the organisations we have contacted.

I would be grateful if you could inform us of your views on the approach the Institute plans to take and of any evidence you believe relevant by 24 October

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2005. Please send your comments to Clifford Middleton at [clifford.middleton@nice.org.uk](mailto:clifford.middleton@nice.org.uk) or the above postal address. Information on this approach will be published on the Institute's website ([www.nice.nhs.uk](http://www.nice.nhs.uk)) on 4 October 2005 and is confidential in the interim.

In the meantime if you have any queries please contact Clifford.

Yours faithfully

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