

Nivolumab for treating recurrent or metastatic squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck after platinum- based chemotherapy

Information for the public

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Nivolumab (Opdivo) is available on the NHS as a possible treatment for squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck in adults whose disease has got worse within 6 months of having chemotherapy.

Is this treatment right for me?

Your healthcare professionals should give you clear information, talk with you about your options and listen carefully to your views and concerns. Your family can be involved too, if you wish. Read more about [making decisions about your care](#).

Questions to think about

- How well does it work compared with other treatments?
- What are the risks or side effects? How likely are they?
- How will the treatment affect my day-to-day life?
- What happens if the treatment does not work?
- What happens if I do not want to have treatment? Are there other treatments available?

Information and support

These organisations can give you advice and support:

- [Head and Neck Cancer UK \(HANCUK\)](#), email info@hancuk.org
- [The Swallows Head & Neck Cancer Support Group](#), 01253 428 940
- [Cancer Research UK](#), 0808 800 4040
- [Macmillan Cancer Support](#), 0808 808 0000

You can also get support from your local [Healthwatch](#).

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