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Health Technology Appraisal

Olaparib for maintenance treatment of recurrent, platinum-sensitive ovarian, fallopian tube and peritoneal cancer that has responded to platinum-based chemotherapy (CDF review of technology appraisal 620)

Final scope

Remit/appraisal objective

To appraise the clinical and cost effectiveness of olaparib within its marketing authorisation for maintenance treatment of recurrent, platinum-sensitive ovarian, fallopian tube and peritoneal cancer that has responded to platinum-based chemotherapy.

Background

Ovarian cancer is a cancerous growth that occurs in the ovary or fallopian tubes. The most common type of ovarian cancer, high-grade serous type, is thought to arise from the peritoneum or fallopian tube and presents after it has spread to the ovary. Advanced ovarian cancer falls within stages 2 to 4. In stage 2 the disease has grown outside the ovaries but is still within the pelvic area, stage 3 denotes disease that is locally advanced and has spread outside the pelvis into the abdominal cavity, and stage 4 denotes disease that has spread to other body organs, such as the liver or lungs. Most people are diagnosed with advanced stage disease. Some people have gene mutations that may increase the risk of ovarian cancer. Mutated inherited genes that increase the risk of ovarian cancer include BRCA 1 and 2.

The incidence of ovarian cancer increases with age and average age at diagnosis is 65 years.¹ In 2017, 6,236 people were diagnosed with ovarian cancer in England.² The 5-year survival for women diagnosed with ovarian cancer between 2013 and 2017, in England was 42.9% for all stages and 26.9% for stage 3 and 13.4% for stage 4 cancer respectively.³ Ovarian cancer may be categorised according to the response to initial platinum chemotherapy as follows: platinum-sensitive (disease responds to platinum-based therapy but relapses after 6 months or more, platinum-resistant (disease which relapses within 6 months of completion of platinum-based chemotherapy) and platinum-refractory (disease does not respond to initial platinum-based chemotherapy). Although a significant percentage of people have disease that responds to initial chemotherapy, between 55% and 75% of people whose tumours respond to initial therapy relapse within 2 years of completing treatment.

In people whose disease relapses following initial therapy, NICE technology appraisal guidance [389](#) recommends paclitaxel as monotherapy or in combination with platinum, and pegylated liposomal doxorubicin hydrochloride as monotherapy or in combination with platinum, for treating recurrent ovarian cancer.

In addition, NICE technology appraisal [620](#) (TA620) recommends olaparib as an option for maintenance treatment of relapsed, platinum sensitive ovarian, fallopian tube or peritoneal cancer in adults whose disease has responded to platinum based chemotherapy, if they have a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation and have had 3 or more

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courses of platinum-based chemotherapy. TA620 also recommends olaparib for use in the cancer drugs fund as an option for maintenance treatment of relapsed, platinum sensitive ovarian, fallopian tube or peritoneal cancer in adults whose disease has responded to platinum-based chemotherapy, if they have a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation and have had 2 courses of platinum-based chemotherapy. This latter recommendation is the subject of this partial review of TA620.

The technology

Olaparib (Lynparza; AstraZeneca) is a poly-ADP-ribose polymerase (PARP) inhibitor which inhibits PARP proteins involved in DNA repair. It is administered orally.

Olaparib has a marketing authorisation in the UK for as monotherapy for ‘the maintenance treatment of adult patients with advanced (FIGO stages III and IV) BRCA1/2-mutated (germline and/or somatic) high-grade epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer who are in response (complete or partial) following completion of first-line platinum-based chemotherapy.’

Intervention	Olaparib
Population	People who have relapsed, BRCA-mutated, platinum-sensitive high-grade epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or peritoneal cancer that is in response (complete or partial) to the second course of platinum-based chemotherapy
Comparators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine surveillance
Outcomes	<p>The outcome measures to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overall survival • progression-free survival • progression-free survival 2 (that is, progression-free survival on next line of therapy) • time to next line of therapy • adverse effects of treatment • health-related quality of life.

Economic analysis	<p>The reference case stipulates that the cost effectiveness of treatments should be expressed in terms of incremental cost per quality-adjusted life year.</p> <p>The reference case stipulates that the time horizon for estimating clinical and cost effectiveness should be sufficiently long to reflect any differences in costs or outcomes between the technologies being compared.</p> <p>Costs will be considered from an NHS and Personal Social Services perspective.</p> <p>The availability of any commercial arrangements for the intervention, comparator and subsequent treatment technologies will be taken into account.</p>
Other considerations	<p>Guidance will only be issued in accordance with the marketing authorisation. Where the wording of the therapeutic indication does not include specific treatment combinations, guidance will be issued only in the context of the evidence that has underpinned the marketing authorisation granted by the regulator.</p>
Related NICE recommendations and NICE Pathways	<p>Related Technology Appraisals:</p> <p>Olaparib for maintenance treatment of relapsed platinum-sensitive ovarian, fallopian tube or peritoneal cancer (2020) NICE technology appraisal guidance 620. To be partially reviewed in this appraisal</p> <p>Niraparib for maintenance treatment of relapsed, platinum-sensitive ovarian, fallopian tube and peritoneal cancer (2022) NICE technology appraisal guidance 784.</p> <p>Rucaparib for maintenance treatment of relapsed platinum-sensitive ovarian, fallopian tube or peritoneal cancer (2019) NICE technology appraisal guidance 611. Currently under review</p> <p>Topotecan, pegylated liposomal doxorubicin hydrochloride, paclitaxel, trabectedin and gemcitabine for treating recurrent ovarian cancer (2016) NICE technology appraisal guidance 389. Review date: TBC.</p> <p>Bevacizumab in combination with gemcitabine and carboplatin for treating the first recurrence of platinum-sensitive advanced ovarian cancer (2013) NICE technology appraisal guidance 285. Reviewed June 2016, guidance on static list.</p> <p>Related Guidelines</p> <p>Ovarian cancer: recognition and initial management (2011) NICE guideline CG122. Review date: TBC</p> <p>Related Quality Standards</p>

	Ovarian cancer (2012) NICE quality standard 18
Related National Policy	The NHS Long Term Plan, 2019. NHS Long Term Plan NHS England (2018/2019) NHS manual for prescribed specialist services (2018/2019) Department of Health and Social Care, NHS Outcomes Framework 2016-2017: Domains 1,2. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-outcomes-framework-2016-to-2017

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