

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

IP1021 – Irreversible electroporation for the treatment of renal cancer

Consultation Comments table

IPAC date: December 2012

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1	Consultee 1 Patient	1	From current evidence, I agree but, because of the relatively low cost of the procedure, then research/clinical trials etc should be started in earnest. It is a no-brainer that potentially low cost efficacious treatment options should be given greater priority.	Please respond to all comments Thank you for your comment. The Interventional Procedures programme at NICE assesses the safety and efficacy of new interventional procedures. The Committee makes recommendations on conditions for the safe use of a procedure including training standards, consent, audit and clinical governance. Cost-effectiveness, however, is not part of the remit.
2	Consultee 1 Patient	2.1	Having had a radical nephrectomy after which recovery was slow and uncomfortable, and having been diagnosed with mRCC some 6 months later, I feel that invaluable resources are being wasted. The cumulative cost of the operation itself, the subsequent aftercare and the extremely expensive drug therapies could potentially treat several patients using IRE and similar techniques.	Thank you for your comment. The Interventional Procedures programme at NICE assesses the safety and efficacy of new interventional procedures. The Committee makes recommendations on conditions for the safe use of a procedure including training standards, consent, audit and clinical governance. Cost-effectiveness, however, is not part of the remit.

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3	Consultee 1 Patient	2.2	I understand High Frequency IRE does not cause muscle contraction in the patient and therefore there is no need for a paralytic agent. This has not been specifically mentioned.	Thank you for your comment. No published studies describing outcomes for patients treated by high-frequency IRE were identified.
4	Consultee 1 Patient	2.3	self-evident from the limited research to date.	Thank you for your comment.
5	Consultee 1 Patient	2.4	No comment as H-Fire obviates many safety issues..	Thank you for your comment.
6	Consultee1 Patient	Notes	For this particular procedure, no, but I am very disappointed that the very fact that these consultation processes exist is, mostly, hidden from the public.	Thank you for your comment. For each procedure considered by the Interventional Procedures Advisory Committee, the Public Involvement Programme (PIP) contacts national patient organisations that represent patients affected by the condition(s) relevant to the procedure, including those that have a specialist interest in issues relating to equalities. Patient organisations are asked if they would like to contribute to the consultation process and those that express an interest in being involved are contacted by the IP Programme team. Details of Interventional Procedures are featured on the NICE website and are available for public consultation.

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