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Dear Colleagues

I am pleased to enclose the Skin Cancer Quality Standard Document that was developed by NICE. This document contains the most up to date recommendations and it is recommended by the Skin Cancer Expert Group (CEG) as a key resource for cancer alliances when reviewing the provision of skin cancer services.

The Achieving world-class cancer outcomes: a strategy for England 2015-2020 set out the ambition to improve cancer survival rates and patient outcomes to deliver the vision set by the NHS Five Year Forward View. The recommendations address the whole cancer pathway from prevention, early diagnosis, treatment and care to living with and beyond cancer.

Cancer Clinical Expert Groups (CEGs) bring together tumour specific clinical expertise nationally and their role includes ensuring that advice on cancer pathways is available for cancer alliances, commissioners, providers and anyone else involved in the improvement of cancer services. Recommendations produced by CEGs support pathway redesign and are in line with the vision of the Cancer strategy.

This clinical quality standard document has been approved by the National Cancer Clinical Steering Group (CGS), which I chair and is a cross-cutting advisory group to support the work of the cancer alliances and the National Cancer Programme. The CSG brings the chairs of the CEGs together to support clinical improvement and excellence.

Documents produced, supported or endorsed by CEGs complement existing resources for commissioners such as NICE Guidelines. They should therefore be read alongside such guidance when arriving at commissioning decisions which make the best use of the resources available.

Yours faithfully



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