

## Quick reference guide

# Rituximab for the first-line maintenance treatment of follicular non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

### Guidance

- 1 Rituximab maintenance therapy is recommended as an option for the treatment of people with follicular non-Hodgkin's lymphoma that has responded to first-line induction therapy with rituximab in combination with chemotherapy.

### Implementation tools

NICE has developed tools to help organisations put this guidance into practice (listed below). These are available on our website ([www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA226](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA226)).

- Costing template and report to estimate the national and local savings and costs associated with implementation.

### Further information

#### Ordering information

You can download the following documents from [www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA226](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA226)

- A quick reference guide (this document) – the recommendations.
- 'Understanding NICE guidance' – a summary for patients and carers.
- The NICE guidance.
- Details of all the evidence that was looked at and other background information.

For printed copies of the quick reference guide or 'Understanding NICE guidance', phone NICE publications on 0845 003 7783 or email [publications@nice.org.uk](mailto:publications@nice.org.uk) and quote:

- N2581 (quick reference guide)
- N2582 ('Understanding NICE guidance').

## Related NICE guidance

For information about NICE guidance that has been issued or is in development, see [www.nice.org.uk](http://www.nice.org.uk)

### Published

- Rituximab for the treatment of relapsed or refractory stage III or IV follicular non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (review of technology appraisal guidance 37). NICE technology appraisal guidance 137 (2008). Available from [www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA137](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA137)
- Rituximab for the treatment of follicular lymphoma. NICE technology appraisal guidance 110 (2006). Available from [www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA110](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA110)
- Improving outcomes in haematological cancers – the manual. NICE cancer service guidance haemato-oncology (2003). Available from [www.nice.org.uk/guidance/CSGHO](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/CSGHO)

### Under development

- Rituximab for the treatment of follicular lymphoma (review of technology appraisal guidance 110). NICE technology appraisal. Publication expected December 2011.

### Updating the appraisal

This technology appraisal will be considered for review in May 2014. Information about the progress of a review will be available at [www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA226](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA226)

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