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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to enclose the new clinical pathway advice produced by the Lung Cancer Clinical Expert Group of the national cancer programme. Its purpose is to inform and support decision making by cancer alliances in relation to services and clinical pathways for lung cancer.

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 advisory 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 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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