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Dear stakeholder

I'm writing to confirm that the draft Osteoarthritis (update) clinical guideline is now out for consultation and runs until the 11 October 2013. Below is the relevant link where you will find all the instructions and documents needed in order to get involved and make your comments:

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?action=folder&o=64496>

I'd be grateful if you ensure all responses are provided using the **comments proforma** at

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?action=download&o=64906> (*ensuring all relevant fields are completed, including your organisation's full name*) and forward this electronically **by 5pm at the latest on the 11 October 2013** to:

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OAupdate@nice.org.uk

As part of the new clinical guideline process, an embargoed copy of all final guidelines will now be available to stakeholder organisations two weeks before the official publication. This embargoed version will, however, only be available to stakeholder organisations that comment during the draft consultation period and will also be subject to the signing of a confidentiality form. The confidentiality form will be e-mailed to all stakeholders along with instructions on completing and returning the form within 5 days of the consultation closing.

Economic Modelling

The National Clinical Guideline Centre has produced an economic model in support of their report. The Institute would like to offer stakeholders the opportunity to receive an executable version of this model by email.

Executable copies of the model will be released to you on the basis that you agree in writing to the following conditions for its use. If you wish to request a copy of the model please put your request in writing, together with your agreement to the conditions, to Joy Carvill - joy.carvill@nice.org.uk

- The economic model and its contents are confidential and are protected by intellectual property rights, which are owned by the National Clinical Guideline Centre. It cannot be used for any purpose other than to inform your understanding of the guideline. Accordingly, neither the model nor its contents should be divulged to anyone other than those individuals within your organisation who need to see to them to enable you to prepare your response. Those to whom you do show the documents must be advised they are bound by the terms of the Confidentiality Acknowledgement and Undertaking Form which will need to be signed and returned to the Institute by your organization prior to receiving a copy of the model. The confidentiality form is available with the rest of the consultation documents on the link above.
- You may not make copies of the file and you must delete the file from your records when the guideline development process is complete. You must confirm to us in writing that you have done so. You may not publish it in whole or part, or use it to inform the development of other economic models.
- The models must not be re-run for purposes other than the testing of its/their reliability.

If you have any further queries on this guideline review consultation, please contact Joy Carvill - joy.carvill@nice.org.uk

Many thanks and kind regards,

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