

STATEMENT

ODEP AND DUAL RATINGS

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Introduction

As a rule, Manufacturers have usually applied for and expected one ODEP rating for a particular product. Recently, ODEP has received standard submissions with a request for two ratings. These have included an A Star rating for a lower number and a standard A rating for the higher number, for example 5A*/7A.

Until now, ODEP have only been prepared to issue one rating per implant but with the introduction of the star ratings we realise the situation has changed and it is possible for an implant to have supporting data that satisfies both criteria.

We are aware that A* ratings are NICE compliant and that basic A ratings may be useful to a manufacturer for other purposes. Some countries have procurement guidelines that demand one type of rating and some prefer another. ODEP is aware of its international standing and responsibilities and takes these responsibilities very seriously. We recognise that manufacturers may prefer to use A ratings in one market and A* in another.

Discussion

ODEP has given considerable thought to these new requests. On the one hand we want to keep all processes clear, simple and transparent, while on the other, we acknowledge the merit for allowing two ratings when the data supports both. It is also recognised that, ultimately, the owner of the data is the manufacturer.

Application in the Netherlands

The Netherlands are part of ODEP and attend ODEP meetings. Thus the Netherlands Hip and Knee Working Group (responsible for NOV classification) www.lroi.nl have agreed that:

- A product with data that supports a 7A* and a 10A can be offered a NOV 1A
- A product with data that supports a 5A, 5A*, 7A, 7A* (not 10A) can be offered a NOV 1B

Recommendation

ODEP has recommended that, for a trial period of one year commencing 1st July 2016, the following guidelines be adopted:

- ODEP will consider dual ratings if a manufacturer submits adequate data to support both ratings
- The manufacturer should make it clear on the submission form whether they are applying for single or dual ratings. If they are applying for dual ratings they must indicate which two ratings they wish to achieve
- The manufacturer should choose which rating they wish to see published on the ODEP website
- ODEP will only publish one rating per implant on the ODEP website
- The manufacturer can present two ratings to NOV to support their application for the appropriate NOV rating
- If a manufacturer opts for the star ratings to be published and wants to submit a non-star benchmark in another market, this is permitted. ODEP can issue a letter to confirm the ratings position on request
- Manufacturers should not publish dual ratings in any product literature

This arrangement will be reviewed towards 1st July 2017.

Further comments

All comments and suggestions are welcomed and always taken very seriously. Should anyone wish to make further comment please feel free to contact annette.jackson@supplychain.nhs.uk