

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

Review of Clinical Guideline (CG91) – Depression with a chronic physical health problem

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<p>Stakeholder Organisation:</p>	<p>British Association of Dermatologists</p>
<p>Name of commentator:</p>	<p>Marilyn Benham, CEO</p>

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Stakeholder organisation	Do you agree that the guideline should not be updated?	Comments Please insert each new comment in a new row.	Comments on areas excluded from original scope	Comments on equality issues
British Association of Dermatologists	No	This is a useful document which is well written and researched and would be of great value to clinicians and patients if it included skin disease.	There was no dermatology representation in the generation of this document. In particular as the document clearly states the alteration in body image (surely a major aspect of chronic skin disease) is a major factor in the generation of depression for patients who have chronic disease (page 57 of the report).	

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			There is wide acknowledgement that skin disease accounts for a large proportion of primary care consultations, and although primary care is represented in the generation of this document, dermatology is not.	
British Association of Dermatologists	No		There are various sections in this report about cancer and its association with depression, but there is no mention of skin cancer specifically (there is mention of renal, prostate and breast cancer), this is despite the widespread knowledge that skin cancer is the most common cancer of all.	
British Association of Dermatologists	No		Skin diseases, such as psoriasis, acne, eczema and genital disease, are known to cause considerable psychosocial distress, which is frequently reported as a precipitant of, or exacerbating factor in, skin disease. There is a high prevalence of psychiatric disorder and psychological distress amongst dermatology patients. Furthermore, there is accumulating evidence that skin disease can affect most aspects	

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			of an individual's life, including relationships, work, social life and sporting activities.	
British Association of Dermatologists	No	The reference to isotretinoin on p313 is inaccurate and requires qualification.		

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