

**BTS Guideline for the investigation and management of pleural mesothelioma**

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| 1304<br>1305 | 35      | <p><i>"Offer patients with MPM with good performance status first-line therapy with cisplatin, pemetrexed and bevacizumab. Grade A"</i></p> <p>Fellows expressed some concern over this statement, given the evidence of very limited improvement in survival over best supportive care over chemotherapy. There is no caveat over patient choice; the considerable toxicity of the regimes; and as to whether chemotherapy should be offered at all without considerable discussion.</p> <p>Fellows have related their own experiences, after reviewing many cases of mesothelioma, and often patients who have received chemotherapy will deteriorate, suffer considerable side-effects and fail to finish the chemotherapy. Patient choice must be considered, however Fellows queried the inclusion of the statement in its current form.</p> |
| General      | General | The College generally commends this very good attempt to clarify issues around the management of mesothelioma, in a field often lacking evidence.   |
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