

MEDICAL PLEURODESIS

Supporting information

This guideline has been prepared with reference to the following:

Roberts ME, Neville E, Berrisford RG, et al. Management of a malignant pleural effusion: British Thoracic Society Pleural Disease Guideline 2010. *Thorax* 2010;65:ii32-40

http://thorax.bmj.com/content/65/Suppl_2/ii32.full

When should NSAIDs, COX-2 inhibitors and corticosteroids be stopped and re-started in patients undergoing pleurodesis?

The UK Medicines Information Service (UKMIS, 2015) advises (based on animal studies) that these drugs should not be administered to patients for 48 hrs before and up to 5 days after the procedure.

UKMI. How should talc be administered for chemical pleurodesis? (Q&A 199.1). London, UKMI, 2015

Evidence Level: V

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