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NCCN Guidelines Panel: Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers

NCCN Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers Panel: On behalf of Merck & Co., Inc., I respectfully request the NCCN Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers Panel to review the enclosed information for KEYTRUDA (pembrolizumab), in reference to NCCN Merkel Cell Skin Carcinoma Guidelines.

Specific Changes: We respectfully request that the recommendation for pembrolizumab in the treatment of advanced MSI-H Merkel Cell Skin Cancer be added as a category 2A (page MCC-D) and that the Discussion section (page MS-24) in the NCCN Merkel Cell Carcinoma Guidelines be updated, based on the efficacy data from the publication by Marabelle et al.

FDA Clearance: KEYTRUDA (pembrolizumab) is indicated for the treatment of adult and pediatric patients with unresectable or metastatic, microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or mismatch repair deficient solid tumors that have progressed following prior treatment and who have no satisfactory alternative treatment options, or colorectal cancer that has progressed following treatment with a fluoropyrimidine, oxaliplatin, and irinotecan.

Rationale: Based on the clinically meaningful results, durable responses and unmet medical needs, the totality of data in the study supports our request for Category 2A recommendation for pembrolizumab.

The following resources are submitted to assist the committee with their review.

1. KEYTRUDA (pembrolizumab) prescribing information. Merck & Co., Inc.
2. Marabelle et al. Efficacy of pembrolizumab in patients with noncolorectal high microsatellite instability/mismatch repair-deficient cancer: results from the phase 2 KEYNOTE-158 study. J Clin Oncol 38:1-10.

Thank you for considering this request. Below is my contact information should you need to contact me for additional information.

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