Disclaimer

This report is prepared by the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) for the Health Technology Strategy Policy Forum (herein referred to as the Policy Forum). The Policy Forum is a federal, provincial and territorial coalition of interests for health technology policy, seeking to achieve common purpose and economies through identifying areas of common policy interest, sharing health technology information and collaborating where beneficial to the members.

This Policy Information Document is intended to provide a summary of evidence and other considerations for decision makers within the Canadian health care system. The document is based on a review of the existing published and unpublished material available to CADTH at the time of preparation, and was guided by expert input and advice throughout its preparation.

This document and the information provided herein, which may include recommendations, are prepared and intended for use in the context of the Canadian health care system. It should not be used as a substitute for the application of clinical judgment in respect of the care of a particular patient or other professional judgment in any decision making process, or as a substitute for professional medical advice.

While care has been taken in the preparation of the document to ensure that its contents are accurate, complete and up-to-date as at the date of publication, CADTH does not make any guarantee to that effect. CADTH does not guarantee and is not responsible for the quality, currency, propriety, accuracy or reasonableness of any statements, information or conclusions contained in the source documentation. CADTH is not responsible for any errors or omissions or injury, loss or damage arising from or relating to the use (or misuse) of any information, statements or conclusions contained in or implied by the information in this report or in any of the source documentation.

This document may contain links to other information available on the websites of third parties on the Internet. CADTH does not have control over the content of such sites. Use of third party sites is governed by the terms and conditions set out for such sites. CADTH does not make any guarantee with respect to any information contained on such third party sites and CADTH is not responsible for any injury, loss or damage suffered as a result of using such third party sites.

This document and the information provided in this document are prepared and intended for use in the context of the Canadian health care system. Other health care systems are different; the issues, information related to the subject matter of this document may be different in other jurisdictions and, if used outside of Canada, it is at the user’s risk. This legal disclaimer and any questions or matters of any nature arising from or relating to the content or use (or misuse) of this document will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the laws of Canada applicable therein, and all proceedings shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of Ontario, Canada.

CADTH takes sole responsibility for the final form and content of this document, subject to the limitations noted above. The statements, conclusions and views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the views of Health Canada or any Canadian provincial or territorial government.

Production of this document is made possible by financial contributions from Health Canada and the governments of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Nunavut, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and Yukon.

Copyright © CADTH 2009. You are permitted to make copies of this document for non-commercial purposes provided it is not modified when reproduced and appropriate credit is given.

Please contact CADTH’s Vice President, Corporate Services with any inquiries about this notice or other legal matters relating to CADTH’s services. Up-to-date contact information can be found on the CADTH website:  http://www.cadth.ca/index.php/en/contact-us.