

NHSEED - - Economic Study or Review

## **A phase 3, double-blind, parallel-group study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of tezacaftor in combination with ivacaftor in participants 6 through 11 years of age with cystic fibrosis homozygous for F508del or heterozygous for the F508del-CFTR mutation and a residual function mutation.**

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### **Study design (if review, criteria of inclusion for studies)**

cost-effectiveness study. A previously developed decision analysis model for NBSCF was fed with model parameters mainly based on a study evaluating two novel screening strategies among 145,499 newborns in The Netherlands.

### **Participants**

newborns

### **Interventions**

Four screening strategies for NBSCF, i.e. immunoreactive trypsinogen-testing followed by pancreatitis-associated protein-testing (IRT-PAP), IRT-DNA, IRT-DNA-sequencing, and IRT-PAP-DNA-sequencing, each compared to no-screening.

### **Outcome measures**

Cost-effectiveness

### **Main results**

The four screening strategies had cost-effectiveness ratios varying from  $\hat{a}$ ,-23,600 to  $\hat{a}$ ,-29,200 per life-year gained. IRT-PAP had the most favourable cost-effectiveness ratio. Additional life-years can be gained by IRT-DNA but against higher costs. When treatment costs reduce with 5% due to early diagnosis, screening will lead to financial savings.

### **Authors' conclusions**

NBSCF is as an economically justifiable public health initiative. Of the four strategies tested IRT-PAP is the most economic and this finding should be included in any decision making model, when considering implementation of newborn screening for CF.

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### **See also**

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### **Keywords**

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