

Dear SASCRO colleague

There was a prominent advertisement in the SAMJ in November 2016 for Trans Oral Robotic Surgery (TORS).

Two of our members complained that it was misleading as the advertisement included a statement that TORS would minimise or eliminate the need for chemo-radiation after surgery in the head and neck region. It also did not acknowledge its very limited clinical indications as well as the large additional expense.

Through the SASCRO committee, these concerns were relayed to our colleagues at Head and Neck cancer clinics.

Their welcome and appropriate comments have been published in the SAMJ in January 2017. These are on the SASCRO website in the Reference Section under the Tab Treatment Guidelines.

The hyperlink to the Tab is: <http://sascro.co.za/treatment.html>)

The hyperlinks to the letters uploaded on the SASCRO website are:

<http://sascro.co.za/downloads/TORS%20letter%20-%20Joseph%20SAMJ%20Jan%202017.pdf>

<http://sascro.co.za/downloads/TORS%20letter%20-%20Fagan%20et%20al%20SAMJ%20Jan%202017.pdf>

Kind Regards,

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