National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

**Medical Technologies Evaluation Programme**

**EXPERT QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Technology: [MTXXX Name for indication]**

**Your information**

**Please complete the declaration of interests section at the end of this questionnaire.**

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| **Professional organisation or society membership/affiliation:** |  |

**Please read the attached draft of this briefing. If you have any comments on its factual accuracy, particularly the description of the current care pathway, indication and setting for the technology and associated costs please add these to the table below. Please add more rows if required.**

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**Please answer the following questions as fully as possible to provide further information about the technology.**

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| 1 | Please describe your level of experience with the technology, for example:   * Are you familiar with the technology? * Have you used it? * Are you currently using it? * Have you been involved in any research or development on this technology? * Do you know how widely used this technology is in the UK health and social care system (for example, the NHS)? |  |
| 2 | Has the technology been superseded or replaced? |  |

**Current management**

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| 3 | How innovative is this technology, compared to the current standard of care? Is it a minor variation or a novel concept/design? |  |
| 4 | Are you aware of any other competing or alternative technologies available to the UK health and social care system which have a similar function/mode of action to the notified technology?  If so, how do these products differ from the technology described in the briefing? |  |

**Potential patient\* benefits**

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| 5 | What do you consider to be the potential benefits to patients\* from using this technology? |  |
| 6 | Are there any patient\* groups who would particularly benefit from this technology? |  |
| 7 | Does this technology have the potential to change the current pathway or clinical outcomes? Could it lead, for example, to improved outcomes, fewer hospital visits or less invasive treatment? |  |

**Potential system impact**

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| 8 | What do you consider to be the potential benefits to the health and social care system from using this technology? |  |
| 9 | Considering the care pathway as a whole, including initial capital and possible future costs avoided, is the technology likely to cost more or less than current standard care, or about the same? |  |
| 10 | What do you consider to be the resource impact from adopting this technology?  Could it, for example, change the number or type of staff needed, the need for other equipment, or effect a shift in the care setting such as from inpatient to outpatient, or secondary to primary care? |  |
| 11 | Are any changes to facilities or infrastructure, or any specific training needed in order to use the technology? |  |
| 12 | Are you aware of any safety concerns or regulatory issues surrounding this technology? |  |

**General advice**

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| 13 | Please add any further comments on your particular experiences or knowledge of the technology, or experiences within your organisation. |  |

**Other considerations**

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| 14 | Approximately how many patients\* each year would be eligible for intervention with this technology, either as an estimated number, or a proportion of the target population? |  |
| 15 | Would this technology replace or be an addition to the current standard of care? |  |
| 16 | Are there any issues with the usability or practical aspects of the technology? |  |
| 17 | Are you aware of any issues which would prevent (or have prevented) this technology being adopted in your organisation or across the wider health and social care system in the UK? |  |
| 18 | Are you aware of any further evidence for the technology that is not included in this briefing? |  |
| 19 | Are you aware of any further ongoing research or locally collected data (e.g. audit) on this technology?  Please indicate if you would be able/willing to share this data with NICE. Any information you provide will be considered in confidence within the NICE process and will not be shared or published. |  |
| 20 | Is there any research that you feel would be needed to address uncertainties in the evidence base? |  |
| 21 | How useful would NICE guidance on this particular technology be to you or other health and social care system staff? |  |

**Declarations of interest**

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| If you have answered Yes to any of the questions above, or think you may have another personal non-financial interest not listed, please describe the nature of this interest: |  | | | |
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| A **grant** or **fellowship** or other payment to sponsor a post or member of staff in the unit where the individual is employed | | **Yes** | | **No** |
| The commissioning of research or other work by, or advice from, staff who work in a unit where the individual is employed | | **Yes** | | **No** |
| Contracts with, or grants from, NICE | | **Yes** | | **No** |
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| If you have answered Yes to the question above, please describe the nature of this relationship: |  | | |

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