

# **NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE**

## **DIAGNOSTICS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME**

### **Equality impact assessment – Guidance development**

#### **Depth of anaesthesia monitors (BIS, E-Entropy and Narcotrend-Compact M)**

##### **Consultation**

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| 1. | Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how? |
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<p>There was not sufficient evidence to consider older people and people with obesity as separate subgroups in the analysis. However, the Committee has made preliminary recommendations for the use of EEG-based depth of anaesthesia monitors in patients at higher risk of complications from general anaesthesia including older people and people with obesity. These patient groups are explicitly stated in section 3.7 and section 6.2 of the consultation document.</p>
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| 2. | Have any other equality issues been raised in the second assessment subgroup meeting (if held) and in the evidence assessment and analysis report, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these? |
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<p>No additional equality issues have been raised.</p>
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| 3. | Have any other equality issues been identified by the Committee, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these? |
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<p>No additional equality issues have been identified.</p>
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4. Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access the technology compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to access for the specific group?

No specific groups have been identified that are differentially affected by the preliminary recommendations.

5. Are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to access identified in question 4, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to promote equality?

No barriers have been identified.

6. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the diagnostics consultation document, and, if so, where?

No equality issues have been identified that are relevant to the preliminary recommendations.

**Approved by Associate Director (name):** Nick Crabb

**Date:** 28/05/2012

## Diagnostics guidance document

1. Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

No potential equality issues have been raised during consultation.

2. If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations that make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access the technology compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to access for the specific group?

No specific groups have been identified that are differentially affected by the recommendations.

3. If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to access identified in question 2, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to promote equality?

No barriers have been identified.

4. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the diagnostics guidance document, and, if so, where?

No equality issues have been identified that are relevant to the guidance.

**Approved by Programme Director (name):** Mirella Marlow

**Date:** 30/10/12