

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

HST Birch bark extract for treating skin wounds associated with dystrophic and junctional epidermolysis bullosa

The impact on equality has been assessed during this evaluation according to the principles of the NICE equality scheme.

Final draft guidance

1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the committee, and, if so, how?

One potential equality issue was identified by the patient organisation at scoping consultation. This was around cultural issues such as language barriers, or lack of familiarity with the healthcare system or support available from charities. It was put forward that this may lead to difficulties in accessing the specialist care required. This was considered by committee and is discussed in the guidance. The committee heard from clinical experts that as birch bark extract would likely not affect the number of visits a person with EB might make to specialist care units birch bark extract would not affect the health inequality issue described and this issue could not be taken into account in committee's decision making.

2. Have any other potential equality issues been raised in the submissions, expert statements or academic report, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these?

A similar issue was raised in the patient organisation submission and has been addressed by the committee.

3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the committee, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these?
No

4. Do the 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, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?
No

5. Is there potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?
No

6. Are there any recommendations or explanations that the committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access identified in questions 4 or 5, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to promote equality?
N/A

7. Have the committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final draft guidance, and, if so, where?
Yes, please see section 3.14

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