

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment

IPG804 Targeted muscle reinnervation for managing limb amputation pain

The impact on equality has been assessed during guidance development according to the principles of the NICE Equality scheme.

Briefing

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| 1. | Have any potential equality issues been identified during the briefing process (development of the brief or discussion at the committee meeting), and, if so, what are they? |
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Age: increasing age increases the risk of major lower extremity amputation.

Disability: people with chronic refractory pain after limb amputation are likely to be covered by the Equality Act. Diabetes and peripheral arterial disease are both risk factors for major lower limb amputation. Cancer is sometimes an indication for limb amputation and people with cancer would be covered by the Equality Act.
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Sex: major lower limb amputation is more common in males.

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| 2. | What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the committee? (If there are exclusions listed in the brief (for example, populations, treatments or settings), are these justified?) |
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This was not thought to have an impact on the assessment of the procedure. No exclusions were applied.
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3.	Has any change to the brief (such as additional issues raised during the committee meeting) been agreed to highlight potential equality issues?
No	

4.	Have any additional stakeholders related to potential equality issues been identified during the committee meeting, and, if so, have changes to the stakeholder list been made?
No	

Consultation

1.	Have the potential equality issues identified during the briefing process been addressed by the committee, and, if so, how?
The evidence included people with lower or upper limb amputations with a variety of indications. The mean age in the key studies presented to the committee ranged from 35 to 60 years and the proportion of males ranged from 42 to 88%.	

2.	Have any other potential equality issues been raised in the overview, specialist adviser questionnaires or patient commentary, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these?
No	

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 preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access a technology or intervention 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 preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

Not applicable

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 obligation to promote equality?

Not applicable

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

No

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Final interventional procedures document

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

No

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 a technology or intervention compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

Not applicable

3. If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there potential for the preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

5. Have the committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final interventional procedures document, and, if so, where?

The final guidance includes a comment stating that the committee was informed that the procedure may help use of a prosthesis in upper limbs.

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