

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES EVALUATION PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

The Sherlock 3CG Tip Confirmation System for placement of peripherally inserted central catheters

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

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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It was identified during the scoping process that many patients requiring a PICC would be classed as disabled under the Equality Act 2010, but there were no equality issues with the use of Sherlock 3CG Tip Confirmation System.
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No action needed to be taken by the Committee.
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| 2. Have any other potential equality issues been highlighted in the sponsor's submission, or patient organisation questionnaires, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these? |
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No potential equality issues have been identified.
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| 3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the Committee and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these? |
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No equality issues were identified. Some equality considerations were raised.

The Committee considered that many people who require PICCs are people with cancer and other long-term conditions, who are protected under the
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Equalities Act 2010. People in whom it is difficult to identify a P wave, such as patients in atrial fibrillation, can have a PICC inserted using the technology but will still need to have a confirmatory chest X-ray. Some of the conditions which make it difficult to identify a P wave would mean that these people are classified as disabled under the Equalities Act.

The technology is only indicated for use in adults.

No changes to the preliminary recommendations were needed as a result of these considerations.

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 or difficulties with access for the specific group?

The preliminary recommendations do not create a barrier to access to the technology for any specific group.

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?

No potential adverse impact has been identified.

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?

No barriers to access have been identified.

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

No potential equality issues have been identified.

Approved by Associate Director (name): Mark Campbell

Date: 6 November 2014

Medical technologies 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 were raised during the 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 recommendations have been changed after consultation.

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?

No recommendations have been changed after consultation.

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?

No recommendations have been changed after consultation.

5. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been

described in the medical technologies guidance document, and, if so, where?

No equality issues were identified for consideration.

Approved by Programme Director (name): Mirella Marlow

Date: 23 March 2015