Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

CardioQ-ODM oesophageal doppler monitor

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

Consultation

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

Patients from lower socio-economic status tend to have a higher degree of comorbidity, and as such tend to be of higher surgical risk (for the same type of surgery) compared with patients from higher socio-economic classes. The Committee noted this potential equality issue and decided not to include any subgroups in the scope.

2. Have any other potential equality issues been highlighted in the manufacturer's submission, or patient organisation questionnaires, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

No potential equality issues were highlighted in the manufacturer's submission or in patient organisation questionnaires.

3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the Committee and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

No potential equality issues were highlighted by the Committee.

4. Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice
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<td>1. Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?</td>
<td>No additional potential equality issues were raised during the consultation.</td>
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<td>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?</td>
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<td>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?</td>
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**Approved by Associate Director (name):** Mark Campbell

**Date:** 12/07/2011
Not applicable.

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?

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

Approved by Programme Director (name): Mirella Marlow

Date: 14/7/11