

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## Medical technologies evaluation programme

### Equality impact assessment – Topic selection and scoping

#### MT390 PICO single-use negative pressure wound therapy system for closed surgical incisions

The impact on equality has been assessed during this evaluation according to the principles of the [NICE Equality scheme](#).

1. Have any potential equality issues been identified during the development of the briefing note or during the Committee meeting, and, if so, what are they?

No equality issues were identified. The device may be beneficial to women who have had obstetrics and gynaecology or breast surgery. Certain ethnic groups are more prone to poor wound healing due to increased risk of diabetes or keloid formation. Older people are more at risk of poor wound healing. Sex, race and age are protected characteristic under the equality act 2010.

2. What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee?

No action required

3. Does the scope need to highlight any potential equality issues? If so, how?

The issues noted in section 1 have been included in the special considerations section of the decision problem.

**Approved by Acting Programme Director: Mark Campbell**

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