

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES EVALUATION PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

The MIST Therapy system for the promotion of wound healing

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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The Committee were informed that some patients with chronic wounds can be considered as having a disability and are therefore protected under equality legislation. The Committee were asked to consider that the MIST Therapy system has the potential to improve the quality of life for these patients and therefore, to promote equality.

The Committee noted the potential equality issues and included 'pain score' and 'quality of life' as outcomes in the scope.

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

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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 other potential equality issues were highlighted by the Committee.

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 access for the specific group?

No specific groups have been identified in the preliminary recommendations.

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?

Not applicable

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

The Committee's considerations of the potential improvements in the quality of life for patients with chronic wounds are discussed in sections 3.16 and 4.5 of the medical technology consultation document.

In section 4.6, the Committee noted that the use of the MIST Therapy system in a community setting could make it easier for patients with disabilities to access treatment, so promoting equality.

Approved by Associate Director (name): Mark Campbell

Date: 12/7/11

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 additional 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?

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?

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In section 4.6, the Committee noted that the use of the MIST Therapy system in a community setting could make it easier for patients with disabilities to access treatment, so promoting equality.

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