

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

Medical technologies evaluation programme

Equality impact assessment: Topic selection and scoping

MT417 Axonics sacral neuromodulation system for bladder control in people with symptoms of overactive bladder

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 topic briefing note or during selection, and, if so, what are they?

Urinary incontinence is associated with the protected characteristics of age, disability, sex and pregnancy. Axonics rechargeable sacral neuromodulation (SNM) system is contraindicated in people who cannot operate the device, which could include people with physical or cognitive impairment.

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

No action required

3. Has any change to the draft scope been agreed to highlight potential equality issues?

Yes, information has been added to the equalities section of the decision problem.

4. Have any additional stakeholders related to potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process, and, if so, have changes to the stakeholder list been made?

No additional stakeholders have been identified.

Approved by Programme Director: Mirella Marlow

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