

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## Medical technologies evaluation programme

### Equality impact assessment: Guidance development

## Zio XT for detecting cardiac arrhythmias

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

### Medical technology consultation document

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

Yes, the committee considered the impact that shaving of bodily hair when applying the Zio XT biosensor may have on access to Zio XT Service for people with protected characteristics. The committee concluded that shaving of bodily hair is common to both Zio XT and Holter monitoring and is unlikely to restrict access for patients. The committee considerations surrounding this equality consideration can be found in section 4.5 of the draft guidance.

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?

No further equality issues were highlighted in the sponsor's submission or 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 further equality issues have been 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 or difficulties with access for the specific group?

No.

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.

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?

NA

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

The committee considerations surrounding this equality consideration can be found in section 4.5 of the draft guidance.

**Approved by Associate Director:** Joanne Holden

**Date:** 11/03/2020

## **Medical technology 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 been 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?

The recommendations have changed after consultation but they do not make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access the technology compared with other groups.

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.

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?

N/A

5. Have the committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the medical technology guidance document, and, if so, where?

The committee considerations surrounding equality considerations can be found in section 4.6 of the draft guidance

**Approved by Associate Director: Rebecca Albrow**

**Date:** 6/10/20