

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## Medical technologies evaluation programme

### Equality impact assessment: Topic selection and scoping

#### MT582 AnaConDa-S for sedation with volatile anaesthetics in intensive care

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?

No equality issues were identified during selection.

Volatile anaesthetics may not be suitable for pregnant women. Volatile anaesthesia may particularly benefit children for whom sedation is difficult. Volatile anaesthesia may benefit elderly people who are considered vulnerable to excess or insufficient sedation, due to their reduced ability to eliminate and excrete drugs, may benefit from this technology through sedation becoming more easily monitored and titrated. Pregnancy and age are protected characteristics under the 2010 Equalities Act.

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

It is unlikely that these equality considerations would hinder access of the technology for any specific group.

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

No. The information above was included as a special consideration.

**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 related to potential equality issues were identified during the scoping process.

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