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HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

STA vedolizumab for treating moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis

The impact on equality has been assessed during this appraisal according to the principles of the NICE equality scheme.

Consultation

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

No equalities issues were identified during scoping

2. Have any other potential equality issues been raised in the submissions, expert statements or academic report, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

It was raised in the expert statements that surgery for ulcerative colitis may reduce fertility. The Committee considered that this may disadvantage people who are yet to have a family, but agreed that medical management treatments rather than surgery were the main comparators for vedolizumab, and therefore this was not an equalities issue in this appraisal.

3.	Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the
	Committee, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

No.

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?
Not a	pplicable.
7.	Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the appraisal consultation document, and, if so, where?
Yes,	in section 4.22

Final appraisal determination

(when an ACD issued)

Date: 14/11/14

1.	Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?	
No		
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, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?	
No		
3.	If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there	
	potential for the 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?	
No		
5.	Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final appraisal determination, and, if so, where?	
Yes, in section 4.20		

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Date: 26/02/15

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