

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

STA Holoclar for treating limbal stem cell deficiency after eye burns

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?

2 issues were raised during the scoping process that were not deemed to be equality issues by NICE, therefore these were not discussed further. These issues were as follows:

- 1) Consultees noted that not recommending Holoclar could have an adverse impact on people with a particular disability such as blindness following chemical or physical burn injury.
- 2) Additionally, it has the potential to disproportionately affect subpopulations including military personnel injured in action, women of black/minority ethnic origin injured in malicious chemical acid attacks, workers injured in industrial accidents.

The issues above were not considered to be potential equality issues because:

- 1) The disability is a consequence of the condition
- 2) The Committee's recommendations do not exclude or impact differently any of the populations listed above.

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?

The company reiterated its issue concerning the effect on military personal. The Committee reiterated that

- 1) The disability is a consequence of the condition
- 2) The Committee's recommendations do not exclude or impact differently any of the populations listed above.

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

No additional issues have been identified.

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?

No.

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

N/A

Approved by Associate Director (name): ...Frances Sutcliffe

Date: 03/04/2017

Final appraisal determination

(when an ACD issued)

1. Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these?

No additional 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, 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?

Not applicable

5. Have the committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final appraisal determination, and, if so, where?

Not applicable

Approved by Associate Director (name): Frances Sutcliffe

Date: 07/06/2017