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Proposed Health Technology Appraisal

Review proposal of NICE Technology Appraisal Guidance No 83; laparoscopic surgery for inguinal hernia repair

Provisional matrix of consultees and commentators

Consultees	Commentators (no right to submit or appeal)
Manufacturers/sponsors Atrium Medical Corporation Bard Ltd CNP Conmed Corporation Cory Brothers (Hosp Contracts) Co. Ltd Ethicon Endo-Surgery Gyrus Medical Limited Karl Storz Endoscopy (UK) Ltd Keymed (Medical & Industrial Equipment) Ltd Mantis Surgical Ltd Nikomed Limited Optec (UK) Ltd Pentax UK Ltd RB Medical Richard Wolf UK Ltd Rocket Medical Plc Smith & Nephew Healthcare Ltd Tyco Ltd W.L. Gore & Associates	 General Age Concern Cymru Association of British Healthcare Industries (ABHI) Board of Community Health Councils in Wales Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety for Northern Ireland EUCOMED Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) National Public Health Service for Wales NHS Confederation NHS Quality Improvement Scotland NHS Supply Chain Scottish Medicines Consortium Comparator manufacturers (none) Relevant research groups
VV.L. Gore & Associates Patient/carer groups	Policy Research Institute on Ageing and Ethnicity
 Age Concern England Chinese National Healthy Living Centre Confederation of Indian Organisations Counsel and Care 	 Assessment team Assessment group tbc National Coordinating Centre for Health Technology Assessment Associated Guideline Groups

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Consultees	Commentators (no right to submit or appeal)
 Equalities National Council Help the Aged Muslim Council of Great Britain Muslim Health Network South Asian Health Foundation Specialised Healthcare Alliance Professional groups Association of Endoscopic Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland Association of Operating Department Practitioners Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland British Association for Services to the Elderly British Association of Day Surgery British Geriatrics Society British Hernia Centre National Association of Primary Care National Association of Theatre Nurses Royal College of Anaesthetists Royal College of General Practitioners Royal College of Pathologists Royal College of Physicians Royal College of Surgeons Royal College of Surgeons Royal Society of Medicine – Intellectual Disabilities Forum 	(none) Associated Public Health Groups (none)
 Others Department of Health Great Yarmouth and Waveney PCT Leicester City Teaching PCT Welsh Assembly Government 	

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NICE is committed to promoting equality and eliminating unlawful discrimination. Please let us know if we have missed any important organisations from the lists contained within the matrix and which organisations we should include who have a particular focus on relevant equality issues.

PTO FOR DEFINITIONS OF CONSULTEES AND COMMENTATORS

Definitions:

Consultees

Organisations that accept an invitation to participate in the appraisal; the manufacturer(s) or sponsor(s) of the technology; national professional organisations; national patient organisations; the Department of Health and the Welsh Assembly Government and relevant NHS organisations in England.

Consultees can participate in the consultation on the draft scope, the Assessment Report and the Appraisal Consultation Document, they are invited to prepare a submission dossier and all non-manufacturers/sponsors consultee organisations can nominate clinical specialists and patient experts to present their personal views to the Appraisal Committee. All consultees are given the opportunity to appeal against the Final Appraisal Determination (FAD).

Commentators

Organisations that engage in the appraisal process but that are not asked to prepare a submission dossier, and that receive the FAD for information only, without right of appeal. These organisations are: manufacturers of comparator technologies; NHS Quality Improvement Scotland; the relevant National Collaborating Centre (a group commissioned by the Institute to develop clinical guidelines); other related research groups where appropriate (for example, the Medical Research Council [MRC], National Cancer Research Institute); other groups (for example, the NHS Confederation, NHS Information Authority and NHS Purchasing and Supplies Agency, and the *British National Formulary*.

All non-manufacturers/sponsors commentator organisations can nominate clinical specialists and patient experts to present their personal views to the Appraisal Committee.

Assessment team

An independent academic group (commissioned by the NHS Research and Development Health Technology Assessment Programme [HTA Programme] to assist in the appraisal) prepares an Assessment Report on the health technology (a review of the clinical and cost effectiveness of the technology(ies) based on a systematic review of the literature and a review of manufacturer and sponsor submission to the Institute).

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Manufacturer table

The matrix lists the manufacturers who have been invited to participate in a technology appraisal. As an appraisal progresses the matrix may not necessarily list all the relevant products relating to it (as manufacturers may decide that they do not wish to be involved). This table has been produced to capture all the related products for easy identification of interests for anyone involved in the topic.

Consultees
Manufacturer
Atrium Medical Corporation
Bard Ltd
CNP
Conmed Corporation
Cory Brothers (Hosp Contracts) Co. Ltd
Ethicon Endo-Surgery
Eurosugical Ltd
Gyrus Medical Limited
Karl Storz Endoscopy (UK) Ltd
Keymed (Medical & Industrial Equipment) Ltd
Mantis Surgical Ltd
Nikomed Limited
Optec (UK) Ltd

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Appendix A

Pentax UK Ltd
RB Medical
Richard Wolf UK Ltd
Rocket Medical Plc
Smith & Nephew Healthcare Ltd
Tyco Ltd
W.L. Gore & Associates
Commentators
Manufacturer
None

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