

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

## DIAGNOSTICS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

### Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

#### Intraoperative tests (RD-100i OSNA system and Metasin test) for detecting sentinel lymph node metastases in breast cancer

##### Consultation

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

Yes. The Committee noted that people with a diagnosis of cancer are protected under the Equality Act 2010, when making their recommendations. The Committee developed recommendations referring to people with early invasive breast cancer rather than women because breast cancer is a relatively rare cancer in men so there is little published evidence. As the pathology of male breast cancer is similar to female breast cancer, treatment is usually based on knowledge of female breast cancer. No additional potential equality issues were identified.

2. Have any other potential equality issues been raised in the second assessment subgroup meeting (if held) and in the evidence assessment and analysis report, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

No additional potential equality issues were identified.

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

No additional equality issues were 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 diagnostics consultation document, and, if so, where?
No.

**Approved by Associate Director (name):** Nick Crabb

**Date:** 31/07/2013

## Diagnosics 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 were raised.

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 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?

No.

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

No.

**Approved by Programme Director (name):** Mirella Marlow

**Date:** 31 July 2013