

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

## INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES PROGRAMME

### Equality impact assessment

#### IPG383 Hand Allotransplantation

The impact on equality has been assessed during guidance development according to the principles of the NICE Equality scheme.

#### Scoping

1. Have any potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process (development of the scope or discussion at the Committee meeting), and, if so, what are they?

Patients who have lost a hand are likely to be classified as disabled under equalities legislation

Immunosuppression is likely to be contra-indicated in HIV positive patients.

The procedure may be contraindicated in patients with mental health conditions who are likely to be classified as disabled under equalities legislation, as motivation to use the transplanted limb is very important for procedure success

2. What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee? If there are exclusions listed in the scope (for example, populations, treatments or settings), are these justified?

This was not thought to have an impact on the assessment of the procedure. No exclusions were applied

3. Has any change to the scope (such as additional issues raised during the Committee meeting) been agreed to highlight potential equality issues?

No

## Consultation

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

No specific data relating to comorbidities was identified in the literature presented in the overview

2. Have any other potential equality issues been raised in the overview, specialist adviser questionnaires or patient commentary, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

No

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 a technology or intervention compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to access for the specific group?

The recommendations state that 'patients' suitability for hand allotransplantation should be carefully assessed'. Assessment is by a multidisciplinary team.

5. Are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to access identified in

question 4, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to promote equality?
No

6. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the consultation document, and, if so, where?
No

### Final interventional procedures document

1. Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?
One consultee identified additional contraindications to the procedure, and specific clinical groups in whom it might be particularly beneficial. The committee decided that the indication section of the guidance was an appropriate brief description of the condition.

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 a technology or intervention compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to access for the specific group?
Not applicable

3. If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to access identified in question 2, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to promote equality?
Not applicable

4. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final interventional procedures document, and, if so, where?

No

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