

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

## MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES EVALUATION PROGRAMME

### Equality impact assessment – Topic selection and scoping

#### Ambu aScope2

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

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| 1. Have any potential equality issues been identified during the development of the briefing note or during the Committee meeting, and, if so, what are they? |
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In the briefing note it was noted that the technology was considered to have particular advantages for people who may be more likely to develop airway complications, such as obese people or people suffering from conditions affecting cervical spine mobility.
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No other potential equality issues were identified at the committee meeting.
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| 2. What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee? |
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The committee need to be advised of the usefulness of this technology where difficulties with intubation can arise in patients who are obese, have limited mouth opening or cervical spine movements, have experienced trauma to the face or neck, have respiratory tract infections or cancers and in those with tracheostomies.
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| 3. Does the scope need to highlight any potential equality issues? If so, how? |
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The scope has highlighted that people at greater risk of airway complications
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are those with conditions affecting cervical spine mobility, this may include: pregnant women, or people who are obese, people in whom trauma to the face or neck has occurred, and people with respiratory tract infections or cancers. Other groups covered by the disability act are patients with rheumatoid arthritis with limited spine movements and longer term tracheostomy patients.

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