

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

DIAGNOSTICS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

PredictSURE IBD and IBDX to guide treatment of Crohn's disease

Consultation

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

The following potential equality issues were identified during scoping:

- It was noted that PredictSURE IBD has not yet been validated in children (17 years or younger); therefore, prognostic accuracy of PredictSURE-IBD in children is unknown. However, evidence in children may become available while the guidance is in development. IBDX has been studied in both adults and children.
- It was also noted that Crohn's disease can have a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. Therefore, people with Crohn's disease may be covered under the disability provision of the Equality Act (2010).

At the draft guidance committee meeting, the committee heard that the average age in the EAG's model was 35 years. It considered that it might have been beneficial if the EAG explored a cohort of children and teenagers because Crohn's disease is often diagnosed in younger people. Clinical experts explained that children may have a more complicated pathway because of their clinical phenotype and the need for parenteral nutrition. The company did not submit any evidence on the prognostic accuracy of PredictSURE IBD in children during the assessment. Given the limited evidence on prognostic accuracy of the tests in young people, the EAG did not model this cohort.

2. Have any other potential equality issues been raised in the diagnostics assessment report, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these?

No other potential equality issues were raised in the diagnostics assessment report.

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

No other potential equality issues were identified by the committee.

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?

N/A

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

Details of the committee's consideration about modelling a younger population are summarised in section 4.13 of the diagnostics consultation document.

Approved by Associate Director (name): Rebecca Albrow

Date: 25/08/2020

Diagnostics 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 during 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?

The recommendations did not change after consultation.

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?

N/A

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?

N/A

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

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