

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## Medical technologies evaluation programme

### Equality impact assessment: Guidance development for Early Value Assessment pilot

#### MT770 ProKnow cloud-based system for radiotherapy archiving, communication and management

The impact on equality has been assessed during this evaluation according to the principles of the [NICE Equality scheme](#).

#### EVA consultation document

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

No potential equality issues were identified during the scoping process. Initially patient outcomes were included in the scope, but clinical expert feedback informed that ProKnow is not likely to directly impact patient outcomes. ProKnow may provide greater benefit in cases relating to rare or complex cancers, when there is more need for plans to be peer reviewed.

2. Have any other potential equality issues been highlighted in the sponsor's submission, or patient organisation questionnaires, 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 the technology compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to or difficulties with access for the specific group?

No. It is worth highlighting that ProKnow DS currently supports exporting structures that are closed and located on a single plane. The EAG noted that non-axial computed tomography (CT) slices are used with brachytherapy, a procedure more commonly used with gynaecological cancers. The Company confirmed an intention for ProKnow to support non-axial structures, however, they do not have an anticipated timescale for this enhancement.

**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 consultation document, and, if so, where?

No equality issues were identified by the committee and therefore have not been described in the consultation document.

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