

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

IP 1077 – Powered microdebrider turbinoplasty for inferior turbinate hypertrophy

Consultation Comments table

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Com. no.	Consultee name and organisation	Sec. no.	Comments	Response
1	Consultee 1: NHS Professional	5	Patients seem to be a lot more aware of the post op phenomenon of 'empty nose syndrome' in the last few years. Although the procedures have not changed it may be related to increased internet use and discussion. Turbinate reduction by any means remains an effective intervention for nasal obstruction, however, if we can decide on a way of doing this without leading to significant crusting and 'empty nose syndrome' it would be useful.	Please respond to all comments Thank you for your comment. The committee noted that the term empty nose syndrome is the encompassing term for a group of symptoms that are already highlighted in the guidance, in particular; dryness, nasal crusting and a paradoxical sense of nasal dryness. The safety section (Section 5) of the guidance has been amended to reflect this.

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