

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES PROGRAMME

### Equality impact assessment

#### IPG540 Electrical stimulation of the lower oesophageal sphincter for treating gastro- oesophageal reflux disease

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?

Age: Adults aged 40 or over are mainly affected by gastro-oesophageal reflux disease.

Gender: Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease affects both sexes equally, although males are more likely to develop complications.

Socioeconomic status: In a UK postal survey of 4432 adults, gastro-oesophageal reflux symptoms were more common among the socially disadvantaged.

Disability: Most people with gastro-oesophageal reflux disease are unlikely to be covered by the Equality Act 2010. However, those with extremely severe symptoms that have lasted over 12 months and have a substantial adverse effect on normal day to day activities may be covered by the Equality Act.

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?
<p>Age: Mean 51 years for patients with gastro-oesophageal reflux disease included in the overview.</p> <p>Gender: 57% (38/67) of patients with gastro-oesophageal reflux disease included in the overview were female.</p> <p>Socioeconomic status: No specific data relating to socioeconomic status was identified in the literature presented in the overview.</p> <p>Disability: No specific data relating to disability was identified in the literature presented in the overview.</p>

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
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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?

Not applicable

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 obligation to promote equality?

Not applicable

7. 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?

No

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, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

Not applicable

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?

Not applicable

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?

Not applicable

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

No

**Approved by Programme Director**

**Date:** 28 October 2015