

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES PROGRAMME

### Equality impact assessment

#### IPG592 High intensity focused ultrasound for symptomatic breast fibroadenoma

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?

**Gender:** Reports of fibroadenoma cases in men were not found.

**Age:** Fibroadenomas are more often found in women between the ages of 10 and 40 years. Incidence decreases after 40 years of age.

**Equality Act:** People with breast fibroadenomas are frequently symptomless. If the tumour is very large in size this can compromise daily activities and self-image. Those with large longstanding lumps, that are very noticeable, as a disfigurement may meet the criteria for disability in 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

**Approved by Programme Director and Clinical Advisor**

**Date:** 01/08/2017

### **Consultation**

1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how?
<p>The mean age of the patients was 31 years in the published studies included in the overview.</p> <p>All revised studies reported the use of high intensity focused ultrasound to treat fibroadenomas in female patients.</p> <p>No specific data relating to disability was identified in the literature presented in the overview.</p> <p>No specific data related to disability or ethnicity was identified in the literature or 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 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 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

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### **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?
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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:** 29 August 2017