

## National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

### IP 1692 / Unilateral MRI-guided focused ultrasound thalamotomy for moderate-to-severe tremor in Parkinson's disease

IPAC date: 14 December 2017

Com. no.	Consultee name and organisation	Sec. no.	Comments	Response
1	Consultee 1	<b>General</b>	<p>Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p>To the best of our knowledge, no clinician in the UK is at present proposing to use the single Exablate Neuro currently installed in the UK to treat Parkinsonian tremor. As there is no other device in the UK delivering MRgFUS, unless NICE has information to the contrary, we draw to NICE's attention to §5.3 of the current version of the Interventional Procedures Programme Manual:</p> <p><i>If a procedure notified to the programme appears to fall within the remit of the programme in all respects except that it is not yet being used in the NHS or independent healthcare sector, or there is no evidence base with which to assess it, the programme monitors it and assesses it at a future date if circumstances change. Such procedures are listed on NICE's website, along with the reason why they are not yet being assessed.</i></p> <p>We submit that the proposed guidance on MRgFUS in the treatment of Parkinsonian tremor should not be published, and the procedure should be monitored until NICE is aware of notified of an intention to perform the procedure outside a research setting.</p>	<p>Please respond to all comments</p> <p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>The committee considered this comment but recommended the publication of this guidance as it provided advice to clinicians wishing to undertake this procedure.</p> <p>This procedure was originally notified for use in essential tremor. However, when NICE sought the opinion of specialist advisers, we were told that there was interest in using this treatment in the NHS to treat Parkinsonian tremor. Furthermore, there is published evidence available and a device is CE marked for use in this indication.</p>

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