

**National Institute for Health and Care Excellence**  
**IP173/2 Stereotactic radiosurgery for trigeminal neuralgia**

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<b>Com. no.</b>	<b>Consultee name and organisation</b>	<b>Sec. no.</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Response</b> Please respond to all comments
1	Consultee 1 Company Elekta Ltd	<b>2.7</b>	The Gamma Knife now has the addition of a CBCT which allows imaging of the patient prior to treatment, this has also allowed the option of thermoplastic masks to be used over frames, there are two types of frame available one metallic and one non-metallic which is MRI compatible.	Thank you for your comment.  Section 2.7 of the draft guidance has been changed to remove any device-specific details from the procedure description.
2	Consultee 2 Company Accuray	<b>The procedure 2.7</b>	"At the end of paragraph 2.7, about the ""other system"" that is the CyberKnife, we, Accuray, would be very grateful if the following sentence could be added: ""In order to achieve submillimeter precision and correct patient positioning, the target volume is tracked based on X-Ray images of the skull taken all along the treatment"""	Thank you for your comment.  Section 2.6 of the draft guidance states 'Stereotactic radiosurgery for trigeminal neuralgia uses precisely focused multiple beams...'  The procedure description aims to be a brief summary and not specific to a particular device.  Section 2.7 of the draft guidance has been changed to remove any device-specific details from the procedure description.
3	Consultee 1 Company Elekta Ltd	<b>2.7</b>	Dear Sir/Madam,  I have just read this article and the description is out of date and incorrect with regard to the Gamma Knife description, 6 out of the 7 installed Gamma Knife systems in England are Icon specification and can therefore utilise	Thank you for your comment.  Section 2.7 of the draft guidance has been changed to remove any device-specific details from the procedure description.

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			thermoplastic masks or frames which are made from GRP or titanium. I would be happy to supply any addition information to ensure the statements are factually correct.	
4	Consultee 3 NHS Professional	<b>Committee comments</b> <b>3.4</b>	<p>"We agree with the Recommendations in this draft.</p> <p>Our experience in treating trigeminal neuralgia with stereotactic radiosurgery (gamma knife) is that it is a safe and well tolerated intervention with a minimal adverse effect profile. In a small number of patients where retreatment was necessary, this has also been undertaken with minimal adverse effect profile.</p> <p>We are very pleased to hear the positive feedback from the Multiple Sclerosis Trust. The patient stories are very familiar in their description of this severely painful condition which they must suffer in addition to the variety of bodily manifestations of MS. The feedback also reflects our positive experience in offering and delivering treatment to MS patients which has been gratefully received.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment.</p> <p>Consultee agrees with draft recommendations and acknowledges the positive feedback from the Multiple Sclerosis Trust.</p>

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