

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES EVALUATION PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Topic selection and scoping

Debrisoft for the debridement of acute and chronic wounds

The impact on equality has been assessed during this evaluation according to the principles of the NICE Equality scheme.

1. Have any potential equality issues been identified during the development of the briefing note or during the Committee meeting, and, if so, what are they?

No equality issues were identified during the development of the briefing note.

No equality issues were identified at the Committee meeting but it was noted that people with chronic wounds may be covered under the 2010 Equality Act.
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The device may have particular advantages for people who have chronic wounds and may be classed as having a disability under the 2010 Equality Act. Other groups covered by the Equality Act are people with diabetes and who may have foot ulcers as a result and people who have spinal injuries and may have pressure ulcers. This device would not restrict the access for these groups of people.
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2. What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee?

N/A

3. Does the scope need to highlight any potential equality issues? If so, how?

Inclusion as a special consideration is that although the device may have particular advantages for people with chronic wounds, the use of it will not exclude any groups of people.

Approved by Associate Director (name): Mark Campbell

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