

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE
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**MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES EVALUATION
PROGRAMME**

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

**Parafricta Bootees and Undergarments to reduce skin
breakdown in people with or at risk of pressure ulcers**

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

Consultation

1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how?

No equality issues were identified during the scoping process.

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

2. Have any other potential equality issues been highlighted in the sponsor's submission, or patient organisation questionnaires, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

No equality issues were identified in the sponsor's. No patient organisation questionnaires were received.

3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the Committee and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

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.

4. Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access the technology compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to or difficulties with access for the specific group?

There are no barriers or difficulties with access for any specific group.

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?

There is no potential for the preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities.

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 obligations to promote equality?

No

7. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the medical technology consultation document, and, if so, where?

There were no equality issues to consider.

Approved by Associate Director (name): .Mark Campbell

Date: 2014-06-10

Medical technologies guidance document

1. Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

During the consultation, it was suggested that equality issues may have been insufficiently considered, as friction damage to heels is particularly associated with older people and those with repetitive movements.

The Committee considered this suggestion. It noted that the scope had originally specified “people who may have skin damage due to musculoskeletal or neurological conditions where repetitive motion is present” as a subgroup, but that no evidence had been submitted for this subgroup.

The Committee considered that Parafricta garments may be particularly valuable to older people and those with frail skin. The Committee decided to clarify the particular benefit Parafricta garments may have for these populations and section 3.12 of the guidance has been updated.

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 the technology compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to access for the specific group?

The recommendations have not been changed following consultation, other than editing for clarification. The final recommendations do not restrict access to the technology by any specific group.

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?

The recommendations have not been changed after consultation.

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?

The recommendations have not been changed after consultation.

5. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the medical technologies guidance document, and, if so, where?

The Committee's considerations of equality issues, particularly in relation to the potential benefits of the technology for older people and those with frail skin, are outlined in section 3.12 of the medical technologies guidance.

Approved by Programme Director (name): Mirella Marlow

Date: 6 November 2014