

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

## MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES EVALUATION PROGRAMME

### Equality impact assessment – Topic selection and scoping

#### VibraTip for testing vibration perception in the detection of diabetic peripheral neuropathy

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 diabetes are covered under the 2010 Equality Act.

Diabetic neuropathy is more common with increasing age and males may develop DPN earlier than females, but neuropathic pain causes more morbidity in females than in males. More secondary complications from diabetic neuropathy have been shown to occur in people of Hispanic or African American family origin.

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 diabetes, the use of it will not exclude any groups of people.

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