

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL  
EXCELLENCE**

**MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES EVALUATION  
PROGRAMME**

**Equality impact assessment – Topic selection and  
scoping**

**Virtual Touch Quantification to diagnose and monitor  
liver fibrosis**

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 hepatitis B or C may be covered under the 2010 Equality Act.

This device would not restrict the access for these groups of people.

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?

N/A

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**Date:** 23/05/2014