

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES EVALUATION PROGRAMME

### Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

#### ENDURALIFE-powered CRT-D devices for treating heart failure

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

#### Consultation

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| 1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how? |
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No equality issues were identified during scoping. This device is used in the treatment of heart failure. Older people will predominantly use this technology, with age a protected characteristic under the Equality Act (2010).
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| 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? |
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No equality issues were identified in the company's submissions or by patient organisations.
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| 3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the Committee and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these? |
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No equality issues were identified by the Committee.
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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?
No.

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?
No.

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?
N/A.

7. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the medical technology consultation document, and, if so, where?
N/A – There were no equality issues that required consideration.

**Approved by Associate Director (name):** Mark Campbell

**Date:** 25 April 2016

## Medical technology guidance document

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

No.

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?

N/A.

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?

N/A

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?

N/A.

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

N/A – There were no equality issues that required consideration.

**Approved by Programme Director: Mirella Marlow**

**Date: 28 February 2017**