

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## Medical technologies evaluation programme

### Equality impact assessment: Topic selection and scoping

#### MT323 gammaCore for cluster headache

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 topic briefing note or during selection, and, if so, what are they?

- Self-administration of treatment with gammaCore needs manual dexterity and the ability to follow instructions and so may not be suitable for people with poor hand dexterity or cognitive impairment.
- gammaCore cannot be used by people with cochlear implants or pacemakers and has not been used in people who are pregnant, lactating or aged under 18 years.

**2.** What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the committee?

The committee will need to consider that gammaCore may not be suitable for some people with protected characteristics.

**3.** Has any change to the draft scope been agreed to highlight potential equality issues?

Yes, information has been added to the equalities section of the decision problem.

**4.** Have any additional stakeholders related to potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process, and, if so, have changes to the stakeholder list been made?

No additional stakeholders have been identified.

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