

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## Medical technologies evaluation programme

### Equality impact assessment: Topic selection and scoping

#### MT471 V.A.C. VERAFLU Therapy System for acute infected or chronic wounds that are failing to heal

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?

No equality issues were identified during selection.

People who are older or physically disabled are more likely to suffer chronic and complex wounds. People with certain family origins are more prone to poor wound healing due to increased risk of diabetes. Age, disability, and race are protected characteristics.

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

It is unlikely that these equality considerations would hinder access of the technology for any specific group.

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

No. The information above was included as a special consideration.

**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 related to potential equality issues were identified during the scoping process.

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