

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## Medical technologies evaluation programme

### Equality impact assessment: Topic selection and scoping

## MT450 Danis stent for acute oesophageal variceal bleeds

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 have been identified, however there have been equality considerations highlighted. Danis stent is intended for use in people aged 16 years and over with acute refractory variceal bleeding. Oesophageal variceal bleeding is a common and life-threatening complication of cirrhosis in people with chronic liver disease. Some people with chronic liver disease may be considered disabled under the Equality Act if their condition 'has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities'. Age and disability are protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.

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

No equality issues have been identified

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

During draft scope consultation, it was highlighted that Danis stent may also be an advantage to people who do not accept blood transfusions due to religious beliefs, such as Jehovah's Witnesses. This consideration and those noted in section 1 have been included in the special considerations 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?

N/A

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