

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

Medical technologies evaluation programme

Equality impact assessment: Guidance development

Endo-SPONGE for treating low rectal anastomotic leak

The impact on equality has been assessed during this evaluation according to the principles of the [NICE Equality scheme](#).

Medical technology consultation document

1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the committee, and, if so, how?

No equality issues were raised during the scoping process. People having colorectal surgery will have an underlying condition such as inflammatory bowel disease or colorectal cancer. People who have been diagnosed with cancer and chronic diseases may be considered disabled under the Equality Act. Colorectal anastomotic leakage is more common in men; gender is a protected characteristic under the equality act. These were included in the equality consideration in the scope.

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?

No further equality issues were highlighted in the company's submission.

3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the committee and, if so, how has the committee addressed these?

No further equality issues have been highlighted by the committee.

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?

NA

7. Have the committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the medical technology consultation document, and, if so, where?

N/A

Approved by Associate Director: Anastasia Chalkidou

Date: 4/11/2021

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 additional equality issues were highlighted during the consultation.

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?

No equality issues were raised during the committee discussion.

Approved by Programme Director: Anastasia Chalkidou

Date: 4/11/21