

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## Medical technologies evaluation programme

### Equality impact assessment: Topic selection and scoping

#### GID-MT565 Optilume for recurrent bulbar urethral strictures

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.

Optilume is intended for men with recurrent bulbar urethral strictures. Some people may not identify as men but have a penis. Urethral strictures become more common in people over 55. Sex, gender reassignment and age 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?

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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