

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE
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HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

**STA Pentosan polysulfate sodium for treating bladder pain
syndrome**

The impact on equality has been assessed during this appraisal according to the principles of the NICE equality scheme.

Consultation

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| 1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the committee, and, if so, how? |
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No equality issues were raised during the scoping process.
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| 2. Have any other potential equality issues been raised in the submissions, expert statements or academic report, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these? |
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The company and a clinical expert highlighted that bladder pain syndrome affects more women than men. However, issues related to differences in prevalence or incidence of a disease cannot be addressed in a technology appraisal.

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| 3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the committee, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these? |
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No other potential equality issues identified.
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| 4. Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access the technology compared with other |
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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?
Not applicable.

7. Have the committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the appraisal consultation document, and, if so, where?
Yes, in section 3.20.

Approved by Associate Director (name): ...Linda Landells.....

Date: 2 July 2019

Final appraisal determination

(when an ACD issued)

1. Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these?
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No additional potential equalities issues identified.

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, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

No.

3. If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No.

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?

Not applicable.

5. Have the committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final appraisal determination, and, if so, where?

Yes, in section 3.25

Approved by Associate Director (name): Linda Landells.....

Date: 5 September 2019

Technology appraisals: Guidance development

Equality impact assessment for the single technology appraisal of pentosan polysulfate sodium for treating bladder pain syndrome

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