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PROSTHESES LIST – APPLICATIONS FOR 2016

This circular provides information for stakeholders on the critical dates for submitting applications to list prostheses on the August 2016 and February 2017 Prostheses Lists.

These dates are correct at the time of publishing this circular, but may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Panel of Clinical Experts

Applications to list prostheses that are considered by the Panel of Clinical Experts (PoCE) can be submitted at any time. There are no meetings of the PoCE, so applications are sent to clinicians for assessment as they are received and processed.

To provide sufficient time for applications to be assessed for consideration for the next Prostheses List, applications need to be submitted at least eight weeks before the last Prostheses List Advisory Committee (PLAC) meeting before the Prostheses List is made. This timeframe will allow for applications to be prepared and sent to clinicians, clinicians to assess the applications and return their assessments and for the assessments to be prepared for the PLAC to consider. If a sponsor applies to list a prosthesis in a grouping that is not currently listed on the Prostheses List, extra time should be allowed for the application to be submitted to the Health Economics Subcommittee of PLAC.

The dates for PLAC meetings in 2016 and early 2017 are planned at this stage, but not confirmed. On the basis of the planned dates, applications to list new PoCE prostheses in current groupings should be submitted no later than 26 May 2016 for the August 2016 Prostheses List, and 24 November 2016* for the February 2017 Prostheses List.

* This date allows extra time for processing over the Christmas/New Year period.

Clinical Advisory Groups

The Clinical Advisory Groups (CAGs) of the PLAC meet four times a year to consider applications and to provide expert clinical advice to the PLAC. Meeting dates for the CAGs for 2016 and the applicable cut-off dates for applications to list a product on the Prostheses List are outlined in the following tables.

August 2016 Prostheses List

| CAGs | Date of 1 st meeting | Cut-off for 1 st meeting | Date of 2 nd meeting | Cut-off for 2 nd meeting |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Hip | 11 March | 15 January | 6 May | 11 March |
| Knee | 12 March | 15 January | 14 May | 18 March |
| Spinal | 26 February | 8 January | 20 May | 24 March |
| Specialist Orthopaedic | 4 March | 8 January | 3 June | 8 April |
| Ophthalmic | 29 February | 8 January | 6 June | 8 April |
| Urogenital | 15 April | 19 February | 17 June | 22 April |
| Cardiothoracic | 4 March | 8 January | 6 May | 11 March |
| Cardiac | 16 April | 19 February | 18 June | 22 April |
| Vascular | 4 April | 12 February | 27 June | 6 May |

February 2017 Prostheses List

| CAGs | Date of 1 st meeting | Cut-off for 1 st meeting | Date of 2 nd meeting | Cut-off for 2 nd meeting |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Hip | 12 August | 17 June | 7 October | 12 August |
| Knee | 20 August | 24 June | 22 October | 26 August |
| Spinal | 19 August | 24 June | 14 October | 19 August |
| Specialist Orthopaedic | 2 September | 8 July | 28 October | 16 September |
| Ophthalmic | 5 September | 8 July | 7 November | 16 September |
| Urogenital | 16 September | 22 July | 18 November | 23 September |
| Cardiothoracic | 12 August | 17 June | 7 October | 12 August |
| Cardiac | 17 September | 22 July | 19 November | 23 September |
| Vascular | 22 August | 1 July | 24 October | 2 September |