# Supplementary file 1 - The NICE Highly Specialised Technololgies Process

# Stages of Patient Involvement

**Patient** **Involvement**

**Process**

Scoping

1st committee meeting

(evidence discussion)

Evidence submission

Consultation

2nd committee meeting

(consultation responses)

Final Recommendations

Publication

* Patient organisations participate in consultation and workshop
* Evidence submitted by patient organisations
* Evidence submitted by patient experts
* Lay members present summary of patient issues
* Lay members take part in decision making
* Patient experts answer questions and participate in discussion
* Meeting held in public
* Patient organisations can comment
* Patient experts can comment
* The public can comment (so any patient, unregistered patient organisation or member of the public)

Review

* Lay members take part in decision making
* Experts exceptionally invited back
* Meeting held in public
* Patient organisations can   
  1 - comment on factual accuracies

2 - appeal on specific grounds

* If there is an appeal meeting, patient organisation appellants are invited to attend
* Appeal meetings are held in public
* Plain language version for patients and carers including contact details of patient groups for support
* Patient organisations included in consultation on whether guidance should be reviewed