



Background: A Health Technology Assessment (HTA) provides evidence-informed advice about which devices, diagnostics, and medical procedures should be publicly provided in the province of BC. The BC HTA process<sup>1</sup> was established in 2011 by health authorities' CEOs in partnership with the Ministry of Health to make decisions about technologies that contribute to improved patient outcomes, provide value for money, and should be publicly provided. Examples of recently reviewed topics include endovascular therapy for acute ischemic stroke, ceramic hip implants for total primary hip replacement, and the use of computed tomography for diagnosing pulmonary embolism.

In the BC HTA process a health technology is defined as a **device, diagnostic tool, or procedure**. Pharmaceuticals and information technology improvements are considered out-of-scope. To be considered, new technologies should be expected to have a significant patient and/or health system impact and existing technologies that are currently being used within the health system should have evidence indicating they would benefit to assessment with respect to optimal use.

In order for a topic to be considered, please complete the fields below and submit this completed nomination form to the Health Technology Assessment Office at HTA.Office@gov.bc.ca.

THE NAME OF THE TECHNOLOGY YOU ARE NOMINATING:

THE SPECIFIC DIAGNOSTIC OR TREATMENT PROCEDURE YOU ARE NOMINATING THIS TECHNOLOGY FOR:

A SHORT (2-3 SENTENCE) SUMMARY OF THE USE OF THIS TECHNOLOGY:

PRIMARY POLICY PROBLEM THIS HTA IS EXPECTED TO ANSWER:

IS THIS A NEW TECHNOLOGY OR IS IT ALREADY IN USE IN BC'S HEALTH SYSTEM?
 New (please fill out section A below)
 Pre-existing (please fill out section B below)

A. IF THIS IS A NEW TECHNOLOGY
Current standard of care:

B. IF THIS IS A PRE-EXISTING TECHNOLOGY
List 3-5 primary concerns with this technology:

List 3-5 primary benefits of this technology:

<sup>1</sup> For more information, please visit www.health.gov.bc.ca/hta

