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- A more clear, efficient and professional approach to commissioning medical technology in Wales will have the following benefits:
- “Early adoption” and improved and timely access to “state of the art” care for our patients and public
- Better recruitment and retention of high calibre staff and researchers in NHS Wales
- Greater breadth and quality of NHS research, which improves outcomes and generates wealth
- Better industry collaboration leading to greater access to technology and access to resources.
- The new approach must be part of a strategic planning process across NHS Wales leading to:
- A clearer commitment to the evaluation and procurement of new technology within timescales comparable to other developed nations.
- Avoidance of mixed models of commissioning, and therefore an understandable and more timely process and with less uncertainty about the future.
- An All Wales approach avoiding variations in access to technologies for patients in different Health Boards and Trusts.
- New technologies, once implemented, must be evaluated by clinical studies and audits to ensure that the benefits of earlier adoption are realized for the benefit of patients and public.