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Three documents pertaining to electrical stimulation for drop foot of central neurological origin were published in February 2010 by CEP (Centre for Evidence Based Purchasing).

The Buyers' Guide briefly describes how FES technology works, what factors might influence the choice of a device and the implications of that choice. It also describes typical service provision models and the costs, equipment and staff required to run an FES service.

The Market Review lists the devices currently used for FES for drop foot, together with an impartial description, full specifications, prices and costs including consumables and accessories.

The Economic Report examines the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of FES for drop foot due to central nervous system lesions.

The reports can be accessed at: www.dh.gov.uk/cep. Go to the catalogue and search for "functional electrical".

National Institute for Clinical Excellence

In January 2009 The **National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE)** recommended FES for drop foot as a routine treatment in the NHS. Access this guidance at <http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/IPG278>

MS Society

In November 2009 the MS Society published a powerful and inspirational guide to support individuals fighting to obtain funding for FES. Entitled "**How to campaign for access to FES**" it can be accessed at: http://www.mssociety.org.uk/get_involved/policy_campaigns/campaigns_network/campaigning_guides/fes_guide.html