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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Urinary incontinence (update) and pelvic organ prolapse in women: management

The impact on equality has been assessed during guidance development according to the principles of the NICE equality policy.

1.0 Checking for updates and scope: before scope consultation (to be completed by the Developer and submitted with the draft scope for consultation)

1.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during the check for an update or during development of the draft scope, and, if so, what are they?

The following groups were identified and discussed when drafting the guideline scope:

- women in the older age group
- women with physical disabilities
- women with cognitive impairment.
- women considering future pregnancy
- transgender people
- women with female genital mutilation.

1.2 What is the preliminary view on the extent to which these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee? For example, if population groups, treatments or settings are excluded from the scope, are these exclusions justified – that is, are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?

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All the potential equality issues were discussed and it was decided that only the following groups would be given specific consideration when developing the guideline:

- Women in the older age group
- Women with physical disabilities
- Women with cognitive impairment.

For each of these groups, the guideline committee will consider whether data should be analysed separately and whether separate recommendations are required on a case-by-case basis.

There was not thought to be an equalities issue relating to women considering future pregnancy because there are no protected characteristics affected in this group. However, the group will need special consideration for clinical management when developing the guideline.

Potential equality issues relating to transgender people and women with female genital mutilation will not be specifically addressed in the guideline. The management of urinary incontinence or pelvic organ prolapse would not necessarily vary in these groups but there may be other requirements such as the need for additional social support. Adequately addressing these requirements would require much more guidance than could be provided within the scope of this clinical guideline.

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