

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

NICE guidelines

Ectopic pregnancy and miscarriage: diagnosis and initial management (update)

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

3.0 Guideline development: before consultation (to be completed by the Developer before consultation on the draft guideline)

3.1 Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how?

- A statement has been placed at the front of the guideline to clarify that the guideline will use the term 'woman' or 'women' throughout, and this should be taken to include people who do not identify as women but who are pregnant or who have had a miscarriage.

3.2 Have any **other** potential equality issues (in addition to those identified during the scoping process) been identified, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

- Age – the committee were aware that the risk of miscarriage may increase with maternal age, so discussed sub-group analysis of the evidence to identify if there were any differences in benefits and harms for women over or under 35 years. There was no difference seen so the committee did not make separate recommendations for women of different ages.
- No other additional potential equality issues were identified.

3.3 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the guideline for consultation, and, if so, where?

The discussion relating to age has been included in the committee's discussion of the evidence in Evidence review C.

3.4 Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

The preliminary recommendations do not make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups.

3.5 Is there potential for the preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

There is not a potential for the preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability.

3.6 Are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in box 3.4, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to advance equality?

Not applicable as no access difficulties identified in box 3.4

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