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NICE guidelines

Equality and health inequalities assessment (EHIA)

Prostate Cancer: diagnosis and management (NG131)

The considerations and potential impact on equality and health inequalities have been considered throughout the guidance development, maintenance and update process according to the principles of the NICE equality policy and those outlined in [Developing NICE guidelines: the manual](#).

This EHIA relates to:

- The use of isotope bone scan to detect metastases

Appendix A: equality and health inequalities assessment (EHIA)

2023 exceptional surveillance of Prostate Cancer: diagnosis and management (NG131) guideline

STAGE 1. Surveillance review

Date of surveillance review: March 2023

Focus of surveillance review: isotope bone scan in prostate to detect metastases

Exceptional Standard review

1.1 On reviewing the existing EIA or EHIA and issues log for the guideline(s), describe below any equality and health inequalities issues relevant to the current surveillance review

The issues noted in the previous updates were:

- Age – related to the recommended age groups for PSA testing
- Gender reassignment – guideline will now refer to ‘people’ rather than ‘men’
- Ethnicity – people of Black African origin are at higher risks and poorer outcomes.

1.2 Did you identify any equality and health inequalities issues through initial intelligence gathering (for example, national policy documents, topic expert/patient group feedback, evidence searches, implementation data)?

There are geographical variations in the availability of new imaging technologies (e.g. new PET scan technologies), which may be more sensitive in detecting bone metastases and may impact on treatment strategies for metastases.

People from deprived areas are presenting with more advanced prostate cancer, particularly after the Covid pandemic has started.

Black people of African origin have higher risk of poorer outcomes.

1.3 If you have consulted stakeholders or topic experts, what questions did you ask about equality and health inequalities issues?

'Do you have any comments on equality issues? If so please explain.'

1.4 What equality and health inequalities issues have been identified during this surveillance review and what was the impact on the current review and outcome decision? [If an update is proposed, include information in the update and outcomes plan]

As above (1.3).

However, currently there is insufficient evidence on the new imaging technologies to warrant an update to address the issue of geographical variations.

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