

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Osteoarthritis (update)

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 Is the proposed primary focus of the guideline a population with a specific communication or engagement need, related to disability, age, or other equality consideration? Y/N

If so, what is it and what action might be taken by NICE or the developer to meet this need? (For example, adjustments to committee processes, additional forms of consultation.)

No

1.2 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?

(Please specify if the issue has been highlighted by a stakeholder)

- Age
Osteoarthritis is more common as people age.
- Disability
No issues identified
- Gender reassignment

No issue identified

- Pregnancy and maternity

No issue identified

- Race

No issue identified

- Religion or belief

No issue identified

- Sex

No issue identified

- Sexual orientation

No issue identified

- Socio-economic factors

Osteoarthritis is more common in people in lower socio-economic groups. Obesity is also more common in people in lower socio-economic groups and access to surgery on the basis of BMI has been raised by stakeholder groups as an important equality issue.

- Other definable characteristics (these are examples):

- refugees
- asylum seekers
- migrant workers
- looked-after children
- people who are homeless
- prisoners and young offenders
- any others identified

No issue identified

1.3 What is the preliminary view on the extent to which these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee?

The preliminary view is that issues related to the association between osteoarthritis, its treatment and age will be considered as part of standard guideline development with an emphasis on ensuring recommendations are directed to individual

circumstances rather than chronological age.

Specific questions have been included in the draft scope to examine obesity and its association with osteoarthritis progression and referral for surgery.

Children and young people less than 16 years are excluded from the guideline as osteoarthritis is not a common cause of arthritis in these age groups.

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