

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE  
EXCELLENCE**

**NICE guidelines**

**Equality impact assessment**

**Osteoarthritis in over 16s: diagnosis and  
management**

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

**4.0 Final guideline (to be completed by the Developer before GE consideration of final guideline)**

4.1 Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

No additional equality issues have been identified

4.2 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations that 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?

None of the changes to recommendations meant it would be harder for specific groups to access services.

4.3 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

The changes to recommendations are unlikely to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities.

4.4 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, 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 question 4.2, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

The changes to recommendations are unlikely to create barriers to access to services.

4.5 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final guideline, and, if so, where?

Equality considerations are discussed in the 'Other considerations' section of the committee discussions of the respective evidence reports.

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