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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Glaucoma: diagnosis and 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:

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?

- Age
 - Glaucoma more commonly affects people over the age of 70. The increased likelihood of polypharmacy in this group may impact on the ability to adhere to a further treatment, as well as potential adverse drug interactions.
 - Given the chronic nature of glaucoma, earlier onset in adults may be associated with poorer health outcomes and greater need for medical

intervention over the lifetime course.

- Disability
 - People with cognitive and/or physical impairments may require specific consideration in terms of decisions about management and treatment of glaucoma to aid adherence to treatment.
 - People with a learning disability may require specific consideration in terms of discussions about management and any possible concerns about adherence to treatment.
- Gender reassignment
 - No issues specifically identified.
- Pregnancy and maternity
 - People who are pregnant or breastfeeding may need specific consideration in terms of discussions about management and pharmacological treatment.
- Race
 - Late presentation of glaucoma is associated with people who are of black African or black Caribbean descent.
- Religion or belief
 - No issues specifically identified.
- Sex
 - No issues specifically identified.
- Sexual orientation
 - No issues specifically identified.
- Socio-economic factors
 - Late presentation of glaucoma is associated with greater individual and area level deprivation. There may also be issues with being able to access and use services.
- Other definable characteristics
 - No issues specifically identified.

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

- Potential inequality issues will be noted in the review protocols and any evidence relevant to age, disability, race and socioeconomic status will be extracted. In addition, these issues will be highlighted to and discussed by the committee during development of recommendations

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