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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Oesophago-gastric cancer: assessment and management in adults

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?

The committee discussed the changes in the recommendations and agreed that making the recommendation for external beam radiotherapy (EBRT) more targeted would mean that many people being cared for outside of hospital would not have to travel to as many appointments.

No other issues were identified during scoping that needed to be addressed.

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?

The committee discussed the impact of their recommendations on people using services and agreed that the new recommendation to not routinely give people EBRT would mean that this scarce resource was more likely to be available to people who would really benefit from it, for example people who were at high risk of bleeding.

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

The committee's discussions about equalities are described in the committee discussion of the evidence section of evidence review A: management of luminal obstruction in adults with oesophageal cancer not amenable to treatment with curative intent. Brief discussion of the same issues is contained in the rationale and impact section of the guideline.

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 make it easier in practice for people to access services by reducing the number of appointments they need.

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?

The committee did not think that the recommendations might have an adverse impact on people with disabilities, but might have a positive impact by reducing the number of treatments they had.

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?

None were identified by the committee.

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