

# EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

#### Perioperative Care in over 16s

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 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?

During scoping, the following groups were identified as requiring consideration:

- People over the age of 75 may have different needs and require a different approach to perioperative care.
- People who have a disability may have different needs and require a different approach to perioperative care.
- People whose religious beliefs mean that they do not accept blood transfusions may require a different approach to perioperative care.

1.2 What is the preliminary view on the extent to which these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee? For example, if population groups, treatments or settings are excluded from the scope, are these exclusions justified – that is, are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?

Pre-operative optimisation has been identified as an area for consideration in the scope. Older people have been identified as a group that may require separate recommendations. Frailty increases as age increases. Assessing risk has also been identified as a topic area to include in the scope, it may be the assessment and management of risk addresses the specific requirements for the pre-operative optimisation for older people.

The guideline committee will need to consider people with disabilities. It is anticipated that these populations will form a sub-group in evidence reviews to ensure that where evidence exists on these issues, the committee are able to make evidence-based recommendations to the NHS.

Blood products and blood transfusions are excluded from the scope. This has been addressed in the NG24 Blood Transfusion guideline

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