

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

### Perioperative care 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?

Older adults were a sub-group in the protocol on enhanced recovery areas, fasting, glucose, IV fluids, management of anaemia, anticoagulant medication, nutrition, pre-optimisation clinics and risk tools. In the absence of evidence the guideline committee were unable to make any specific recommendations.

The review question on pre-op optimisation clinics which included specialist clinics for older adults. Here people have access to health professionals such as geriatricians and social worker. This is discussed in the committee's discussion of the evidence. There was insufficient evidence for the committee to make a recommendation and they made a research recommendation.

The NICE guideline on learning disabilities has been cross referred to in the guideline in the section on information. Recommendation 1.6.1 refers to the importance of taking into account cognitive function when assessing pain.

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?

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

In the committee discussion of the evidence in the chapter on pre-operative optimisation clinics, pain management and information.

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?

No.

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?

No.

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 questions 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to advance equality?

No.

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