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NICE quality standards

Equality impact assessment

Renal and ureteric stones

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

### 1. TOPIC ENGAGEMENT STAGE

### 1.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during this stage of the development process?

Access to Extra Corporeal shock wave lithotripsy (ESWL) equipment depends on geographical location. As ESWL is limited to major urology centres, patients from locations that are further away might have to travel to them. Smaller units may have access to hired mobile units, meaning that there are increased waiting times for patients in these locations.

### 1.2 Have any population groups, treatments or settings been excluded from coverage by the quality standard at this stage in the process. Are these exclusions justified – that is, are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?

No population groups, treatments or settings have been excluded from coverage at this stage.

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### 2. PRE-CONSULTATION STAGE

### 2.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during the development of the quality standard (including those identified during the topic engagement process)? How have they been addressed?

The QSAC highlighted that:

* CT scans are not suitable for pregnant women
* there might be groups that cannot communicate their pain threshold without support, such as people with dementia or a learning disability
* non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) might be contraindicated during pregnancy
* information on diet and fluid intake needs to be presented in different formats depending on communication needs.

These issues were highlighted in the equality and diversity considerations sections for the relevant statements (statements 1, 2 and 4).

### 2.2 Have any changes to the scope of the quality standard been made as a result of topic engagement to highlight potential equality issues?

No changes have been made to the scope of the quality standard at this stage.

### 2.3 Do the draft quality statements 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 draft statements do not prevent any specific groups from accessing services.

### 2.4 Is there potential for the draft quality statements to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No potential impact has been identified.

### 2.5 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 2.1, 2.2 or 2.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE’s obligation to advance equality?

Statements 1 and 2 highlight alternative treatment options during pregnancy, and statements 2 and 4 highlight considerations around communication needs.

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