

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

DIAGNOSTICS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Scoping

Point-of-care creatinine tests to assess kidney function before administering intravenous contrast for CT imaging

The impact on equality has been assessed during this assessment according to the principles of the NICE Equality scheme.

1. Have any potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process (scoping workshop discussion, assessment subgroup discussion), and, if so, what are they?

Kidney disease occurs more frequently in males, people over the age of 60, and those of African-Caribbean, African or South-Asian family origin. The estimated GFR equation (which the creatinine result is used in) can be adjusted to reflect the race, age and sex of the patient. Estimated GFR should be interpreted with caution in people with extremes of muscle mass, for example, in bodybuilders, people who have had an amputation or people with muscle wasting disorders.

People who have an ileostomy are at an increased risk of becoming dehydrated and may need special consideration when pre- and post-scan hydration is recommended.

2. What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee?

The potential equality issues will be noted by the Committee and inform discussions where appropriate.

3. Has any change to the draft scope been agreed to highlight potential equality issues?

The potential equality issues have been included in the equalities section of the scope.

4. Have any additional stakeholders related to potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process, and, if so, have changes to the stakeholder list been made?

No additional stakeholders have been identified.

Approved by Associate Director (name): ...Sarah Byron.....

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