

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment

IPG397 Treatment of open-angle glaucoma using ab interno trabeculotomy

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

Scoping

1. Have any potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process (development of the scope or discussion at the Committee meeting), and, if so, what are they?

Disability: Some people with open angle glaucoma may be covered by the equalities legislation

Age: Primary open angle glaucoma is uncommon below the age of 40, but its prevalence rises with increasing age.

Ethnicity: People of African or Afro-Caribbean origin are at increased risk of developing primary open angle glaucoma.

A positive family history of glaucoma in a first degree relative and central corneal thickness $<0.5\text{mm}$ are also risk factors for developing glaucoma. Being male, myopic (short sighted), suffering from migraine, diabetes, hypertension or other vascular problems are considered to be possible risk factors for developing glaucoma.

2. What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee? If there are exclusions listed in the scope (for example, populations, treatments or settings), are these justified?

This was not thought to have an impact on the assessment of the procedure. No exclusions were applied.

3. Has any change to the scope (such as additional issues raised during the Committee meeting) been agreed to highlight potential equality issues?
No

Consultation

1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how?
<p>The following points were included in the overview for Committee consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronic glaucoma becomes much more common with increasing age. It is uncommon below the age of 40 but affects 1% of people over this age and 5% over 65. All studies included in table 2 reported on patients with a mean age equal to or greater than 65 years. • People of African origin are more at risk of chronic glaucoma. Onset may be somewhat earlier and may be more severe. Ethnicity is reported for each study population in table 2; however, none of the studies report clinical outcomes by ethnic group.

2. Have any other potential equality issues been raised in the overview, specialist adviser questionnaires or patient commentary, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?
No

3. Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the Committee, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?
No

4. Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access a technology or intervention compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to access for the specific group?

No

5. Are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to access identified in question 4, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to promote equality?

Not applicable

6. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the consultation document, and, if so, where?

No

Final interventional procedures document

1. Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed these?

No

2. If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations that make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access a technology or intervention compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to access for the specific group?

Not applicable

3. If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to access identified in question 2, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to promote equality?

Not applicable

4. Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final interventional procedures document, and, if so, where?

No

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