

NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Twin and triplet pregnancy

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

1.0 Scope: before 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 development of the draft scope, before consultation, and, if so, what are they?

(Please specify if the issue has been highlighted by a stakeholder)

Particular groups of women (women undergoing assisted conception, women aged over 35 yrs, women of west African ethnic origin, women with family history of multiple pregnancy) are more likely to have multiple pregnancies than others.

Other groups with potential equalities issues are:

- women who have difficulties communicating in English
- women with learning difficulties.

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?

The particular groups of women mentioned in 1.1 do not need special consideration as the guideline starts from the point at which a multiple pregnancy is identified. During the antenatal period all women should be given the care appropriate to their clinical needs, regardless of age or ethnic origin.

Women who have difficulties communicating in English and those with learning difficulties will require specific consideration regarding information provision and support.

Exclusions listed in scope: quadruplets and high order pregnancies.
These exclusion criteria do not have any bearing on equality issues in the guideline.

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