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NICE quality standards

Equality impact assessment

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