

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

GUIDELINES EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM

SCOPING

As outlined in the guidelines manual NICE has a duty to take reasonable action to avoid unlawful discrimination and promote equality of opportunities. The purpose of this form is to document that equalities issues have been considered in reaching the final scope for a clinical guideline.

Taking into account **each** of the equality characteristics below the form needs:

- To confirm that equality issues have been considered at **every stage** of the scoping (from drafting the key clinical issues, stakeholder involvement and wider consultation to the final scope)
- Where groups are excluded from the scope, to comment on any likely implications for NICE's duties under equality legislation
- To highlight planned action relevant to equalities.

This form is completed by the National Collaborating Centre (NCGC) Director and the Guideline Development Group (GDG) Chair **for each guideline** and submitted with the final scope for sign off by the Chair of the Guidelines Review Panel (GRP) and the lead from the Centre for Clinical Practice.

EQUALITY CHARACTERISTICS

Sex/gender

- Women
- Men

Ethnicity

- Asian or Asian British
- Black or black British
- People of mixed race
- Irish
- White British
- Chinese
- Other minority ethnic groups not listed

Disability

- Sensory
- Learning disability
- Mental health
- Cognitive
- Mobility
- Other impairment

Age¹

- Older people
- Children and young people
- Young adults

¹ Definitions of age groups may vary according to policy or other context.

Sexual orientation & gender identity

- Lesbians
- Gay men
- Bisexual people
- Transgender people

Religion and belief

Socio-economic status

Depending on policy or other context, this may cover factors such as social exclusion and deprivation associated with geographical areas (e.g. the Spearhead Group of local authorities and PCTs, neighbourhood renewal fund areas etc) or inequalities or variations associated with other geographical distinctions (e.g. the North/South divide, urban versus rural).

Other categories²

- Gypsy travellers
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Migrant workers
- Looked after children
- Homeless people

². This list is illustrative rather than comprehensive.

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Guideline title

Varicose veins in the legs: the diagnosis and management of varicose veins

1. Have relevant equality issues been identified during scoping?

The scope considers all people aged 18 or over who receive healthcare in primary, secondary or tertiary settings irrespective of gender, ethnicity, disability, religion or beliefs, sexual orientation and gender identity or socio-economic status.

2. If there are exclusions listed in the scope (for example, populations, treatments or settings) are these justified?

Children aged under 18 years of age will be excluded from the scope as varicose veins are rare in that age group.

3. Have relevant bodies and stakeholders been consulted?

Following the stakeholder workshop of the 6th of May 2011, the scope was revised to incorporate stakeholder comments. Registered stakeholders were also invited to comment on the draft scope during the consultation period (9th June to 7th July 2011), and the scope was revised again to address and incorporate relevant comments. All comments were responded to.

There were no comments raised highlighting areas of potential discrimination in either the workshop or the draft scope consultation.