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EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

NICE quality standards

Management of venous thromboembolic diseases (update)

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?

The guideline development committee highlighted the following groups that need specific consideration:

* Disability: It has been highlighted that people with a learning disability may need specific consideration when looking at pharmacological treatment for VTE, especially with regard to self- management of longer-term medication. People with frailty or people who have restricted movement, need to be considered, as people who are less mobile can have poorer outcomes after having a VTE. Settings where there is less opportunity for mobilisation, such as nursing homes, need to be considered.
* Gender reassignment: Hormone treatment given to people undergoing male to female transition includes high dose oestrogen which is a risk factor for VTE.
* Age: There is an increasing incidence of VTE with increasing age. However for recurrent VTE specifically younger men have the highest risk.

Any specific needs of these groups will be highlighted during development of the quality standard.

### 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?

This quality standard will not cover people under 16 years which is consistent with the underpinning source guidance NICE clinical guideline NG89 and low incidence of venous thromboembolism in children.

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