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Equality impact assessment

**HTG771 Transcatheter tricuspid valve
implantation for symptomatic severe
tricuspid regurgitation**

Scoping

- 1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process? If so, what are they?**

Age: the prevalence of tricuspid regurgitation increases with age.

Disability: people with severe tricuspid regurgitation may be covered by the Equality Act if their condition has had a substantial adverse impact on normal day to day activities for over 12 months or is likely to do so.

- 2 Have any potential health inequality issues been identified during the scoping process? If so, what are they?**

No

- 3 What is the preliminary view as to what extent the committee needs to address the potential issues set out in questions 1 and 2?**

The potential equality issues will be noted by the committee and inform discussions where appropriate.

- 4 Has any change to the draft scope been agreed to highlight the potential issues set out in questions 1 and 2?**

No

5 Has the stakeholder list been updated as a result of additional equality or health inequality issues identified during the scoping process?

No

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Draft guidance

6 Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the committee? If so, how?

Excluding the 2 case reports, the mean age of people who had TTVR in the evidence considered by the committee ranged from 65 to 79 years.

7 Have the potential health inequality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the committee? If so, how?

No health inequality issues were identified during the scoping process.

8 Have any other potential equality or health inequality issues been raised in the stakeholder submissions or the assessment report? If so, how has the committee addressed these?

Two additional potential issues were identified. These have both been described in the equality considerations of the draft guidance.

Tricuspid regurgitation has a higher prevalence and faster progression in women than men. Women often present with more severe tricuspid regurgitation, when open-heart surgery is often unsuitable. So this procedure could particularly benefit women, helping to address inequality of care.

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Some people may not want to have a valve containing animal tissue because of their religious or cultural beliefs.

- 9 Have any other potential equality or health inequality issues been identified by the committee? If so, how has the committee addressed these?**

No

- 10 Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult for a specific group to access the technology than other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for this group?**

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

- 11 Has the committee made any reasonable adjustments for the equality issues identified in its recommendations? That is, any adjustments needed to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access needed to fulfil NICE's obligations to promote equality.**

No

- 12 Have the committee's considerations of equality and health inequality issues been described in the draft guidance? If so, where?**

Two potential issues have been described in the equality considerations of the draft guidance.

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Final draft guidance

- 13 Have any additional potential equality or health inequality issues been raised during consultation on the draft guidance? If so, how has the committee addressed these?**

No

- 14 Have any additional potential equality or health inequality issues been identified by the committee? If so, how has the committee addressed these?**

No

- 15 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, do the updated recommendations make it more difficult for a specific group to access the technology than other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for this group?**

The recommendations have not changed.

- 16 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, has the committee made any other reasonable adjustments for the equality issues identified in its recommendations? That is, any adjustments needed to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access needed to fulfil NICE's obligations to promote equality.**

The recommendations have not changed.

- 17 Have the committee's considerations of equality and health inequality issues been described in the final draft guidance? If so, where?**

Two potential issues have been described in the equality considerations of the guidance.

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