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Equality impact assessment

Surgical insertion of a catheter-based left ventricular microaxial flow pump for cardiogenic shock

Scoping

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

The incidence of heart failure increases with age and it is more common in men.

Women, trans men and non-binary people with cardiogenic shock who are pregnant, or who have recently been pregnant, may need this intervention.

People with heart failure may be considered to have a disability if their heart failure has had, or is likely to have, a substantial adverse impact on their usual day-to-day activities for over 12 months. People with heart failure often have multiple comorbidities.

- 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Draft guidance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?

The committee considered the potential equality issues in their discussion. The evidence presented to the committee reflected that the condition is more commonly reported in men. The mean or median age was typically above 55 years in the key evidence studies.

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

None identified.

- 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?**

No

- 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?**

No

- 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?**

The equality considerations section of the draft guidance describes the committee's considerations of potential equality issues.

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- 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?**

The committee specifically noted that there was a lack of evidence in women.

- 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?**

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.**

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?**

The equality considerations section of the guidance describes the committee's considerations of potential equality issues.

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