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NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Lung cancer: diagnosis and management (update)

The impact on equality has been assessed during guidance development according to the principles of the NICE equality policy.

1.0 Checking for updates and scope: before scope consultation (to be completed by the Developer and submitted with the draft scope for consultation)

1.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during the check for an update or during development of the draft scope, and, if so, what are they?

During scoping, socioeconomic status and age were identified as equality issues which specifically needed to be addressed.

1.2 What is the preliminary view on the extent to which these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee? For example, if population groups, treatments or settings are excluded from the scope, are these exclusions justified – that is, are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?

In England (2006-2010) age standardised incidence rates were 166% higher in men and 175% higher in women who live in the most deprived areas (compared with the least deprived areas). The incidence of lung cancer is also related to age, in the UK (2012-2014), an average of 44% cases per year being diagnosed in people aged 75 years and over.

Positive outcomes are known to be more difficult to achieve in these population

groups, and therefore specific recommendations in these groups may need to be made to address this. There are no exclusions listed in the guideline.

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