

Equality impact assessment

Ectopic pregnancy and miscarriage: diagnosis and initial management (update)

3.0 Guideline development: before consultation (to be completed by the Developer before consultation on the draft guideline)

3.1 Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the Committee, and, if so, how?

The recommendations should not disadvantage women who have learning difficulties or difficulty communicating in English, and advice and information may need to be provided in alternative formats for these groups of women.

3.2 Have any **other** potential equality issues (in addition to those identified during the scoping process) been identified, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

The use of transvaginal ultrasound may not be acceptable to some individual women or some women from more conservative groups in society.

3.3 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the guideline for consultation, and, if so, where?

Yes, the need to provide information in an accessible format and the need to educate and inform women in an appropriate way about the benefits of transvaginal ultrasound (compared to transabdominal ultrasound) has been included in the committee's discussion of the evidence for this review.

3.4 Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access services compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?

No.

3.5 Is there potential for the preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

No.

3.6 Are there any recommendations or explanations that the Committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access to services identified in questions 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligation to advance equality?

The guideline section on support and information giving (which has not been updated) already includes a cross-reference to the patient experience guideline which advises about ensuring information is in an appropriate format.

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