

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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?

- Off- label use of alteplase in older patients. The licence for systemic thrombolysis with alteplase for acute stroke was extended in September 2018 to cover use in people aged 80 and over, so this area was not addressed in the update.
- Decompressive hemicraniectomy for patients with middle cerebral artery infarction for patients aged 60 or under. A review was conducted that included data on all adult patients and recommendations have been made that do not include age as a cut off for treatment.
- Younger patients (<55) have been included in the search for evidence for all reviews
- Geographical variation in access to scanning was considered by the committee when making recommendations for scanning for TIA. The committee expect less scanning to take place as a result of their recommendations.

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?

No

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

The committee's considerations of the issues outlined above are included in the reviews where relevant.

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?

No

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