

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## NICE guidelines

### Equality impact assessment

## Abdominal aortic aneurysm: diagnosis and management

### 2.0 Scope: after consultation

2.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during consultation, and, if so, what are they?

The following potential equality issues were identified during consultation:

- A possible relationship between ethnicity and prevalence of AAA was raised by one stakeholder as an epidemiological pattern worth investigating. This has been discussed between the Development team, the Commissioning team and the early recruited Committee members, but it was decided that the scope did not need amending in response to this. The review of signs, symptoms and risk factors (or combinations of these) of AAA may highlight ethnicity as a factor by which to identify those at an increased risk of AAA, but it is unlikely that patients will be managed differently based on their ethnicity once an aneurysm is suspected.

2.2 Have any changes to the scope been made as a result of consultation to highlight potential equality issues?

No.

2.3 Is the primary focus of the guideline a population with a specific disability-related communication need?

If so, is an alternative version of the 'Information for the Public' document recommended?

If so, which alternative version is recommended?

The alternative versions available are:

- large font or audio versions for a population with sight loss;
- British Sign Language videos for a population who are deaf from birth;
- 'Easy read' versions for people with learning disabilities or cognitive impairment.

The incidence of AAA increases with age. It may be worth considering the production of a large font and/or audio version of the guidance for patients whose sight has become impaired.

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