

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

NICE guidelines

Equality and health inequalities assessment (EHIA) template

Intrapartum care - Fluid balance

The considerations and potential impact on equality and health inequalities have been considered throughout the guidance development, maintenance and update process according to the principles of the NICE equality policy and those outlined in [Developing NICE guidelines: the manual](#).

This EHIA relates to:

Intrapartum care - Fluid balance

Appendix [X]: equality and health inequalities assessment (EHIA)

Intrapartum care – Fluid balance

STAGE 1. Surveillance review

No surveillance review was carried out for this update.

STAGE 2. Informing the scope

No scoping was carried out for this update.

STAGE 3. Finalising the scope

No scoping was carried out for this update.

STAGE 4. Development of guideline or topic area for update

(to be completed by the developer before consultation on the draft guideline or update)

Intrapartum care guideline (NG235)

Date of completion: 18 February 2025

Focus of guideline or update: Fluid balance

4.1	From the evidence syntheses and the committee's considerations thereof, what were the main equality and health inequalities issues identified? Were any further potential issues identified (in addition to those identified during the scoping process) or any gaps in the evidence for any particular group?
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No evidence review was conducted for this update. Whilst we are aware of maternity being a key area in CORE20PLUS5, no equalities or health inequalities issues relevant to the specific update were identified by the committee.	
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4.2	How have the committee's considerations of equality and health inequalities issues identified in 2.2, 3.2 and 4.1 been reflected in the guideline or update and any draft recommendations?
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No equalities or health inequalities issues relevant to the update were identified by the committee.	
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4.3	Could any draft recommendations potentially increase inequalities?
	No.

4.4	How has the committee's considerations of equality and health inequalities issues identified in 2.2, 3.2 and 4.1 been reflected in the development of any research recommendations?
	No equality and health inequalities issues relevant to the update were identified by the committee.

4.5	Based on the equality and health inequalities issues identified in 2.2, 3.2 and 4.1, do you have representation from relevant stakeholder groups for the guideline or update consultation process, including groups who are known to be affected by these issues? If not, what plans are in place to ensure relevant stakeholders are represented and included?
	Peripartum hyponatraemia is not known to affect any particular group of women or pregnant people more than another. As such, no specific groups were requested to consult on this update. Various organisations that can provide comments in relation to equalities and health inequalities issues relevant to the update have been invited to register to become stakeholders.

4.6	What questions will you ask at the stakeholder consultation about the impact of the guideline or update on equality and health inequalities?
	None.

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Date 18/02/2025

Approved by committee chair: Sarah Fishburn

Date: 18/02/2025

Approved by NICE quality assurance lead: Sara Buckner

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STAGE 5. Revisions and final guideline or update

(to be completed by the developer before guidance executive considers the final guideline or update)

Intrapartum care guideline (NG235)

Date of completion: 12 May 2025

Focus of guideline or update: Fluid balance/maternal hyponatraemia

5.1	How inclusive was the consultation process on the draft guideline in terms of response from groups (identified in box 2.2, 3.2 and 4.1) who may experience inequalities related to the topic?
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No equality and health inequalities issues relevant to the update were identified. A variety of different stakeholder organisations were invited to take part in the consultation process. In the end, a total of 8 registered stakeholder organisations responded to the consultation. These organisations represented relevant medical royal colleges, professional organisations, specific programmes within national healthcare organisations and healthcare service providers. In addition, we received comments from two individuals.

5.2	Have any further equality and health inequalities issues beyond those identified at scoping and during development been raised during the consultation on the draft guideline or update, and, if so, how has the committee considered and addressed them?
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No equality and health inequalities issues relevant for the update were raised during the consultation of the draft update.

5.3	If any recommendations have changed after consultation, how could these changes impact on equality and health inequalities issues?
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The changes made to the recommendations based on the consultation are not expected to have an impact on equality and health inequalities issues.
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5.4	Following the consultation on the draft guideline and response to questions 4.1 and 5.2, have there been any further committee considerations of equality and health inequalities issues across the four dimensions that have been reflected in the final guideline?
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No.

5.5 Please provide a summary of the key equality and health inequalities issues that should be highlighted in the guidance executive report before sign-off of the final guideline or update
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No equality and health inequalities issues relevant for the update identified.
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Date: 12/05/2025

Approved by committee chair:

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