

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

NICE guidelines

Equality impact assessment

Fractures (complex): assessment and management (update November 2022)

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:

1.1 Is the proposed primary focus of the guideline a population with a specific communication or engagement need, related to disability, age, or other equality consideration? Y/N

If so, what is it and what action might be taken by NICE or the developer to meet this need? (For example, adjustments to committee processes, additional forms of consultation.)

The following relates to the review questions included in the update starting in 2022:
No

1.2 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?

The following potential equality issues will be considered for the review questions included in the update starting in 2022:

- Age
 - Specific consideration may need to be given when discussing outcomes for children and young people compared with adults.
- Disability

- Specific consideration when discussing the frequency of dressing changes may need to be given to:
 - people with a learning disability
 - people with cognitive impairment (for example dementia).
 - Specific consideration may need to be given to people with mental ill health where the cause of the open fracture may be related to mental ill health.
- Gender reassignment
None
- Pregnancy and maternity
None
- Race
None
- Religion or belief
 - Specific consideration needs to be given to:
 - people whose religious beliefs do not allow for the transfusion of blood when discussing dressing types with regard to risk of bleeding
 - people with beliefs about animal derived products when discussing different dressings as some dressings contain porcine derivatives.
- Sex
None
- Sexual orientation
None
- Socio-economic factors
None
- Other definable characteristics:
None

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The following potential equality issues will be considered for the review questions included in the update starting in 2022:

Age, disability and religion or belief: specific recommendations may need to be made for these groups.

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Date_12/07/2022_____

Approved by NICE quality assurance lead _____Chris Carson_____

Date_____29/07/22_____

[Section 2 was removed because there was no consultation on the scope]

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 committee discussed the issues that had been raised during the scoping process and addressed them as follows:

- Age
 - The paediatric specialists on the committee agreed that even though most of the evidence was for adults, and that the youngest age considered was 12, the recommendation made was equally applicable to children and young people as it was to adults. The committee agreed this was sensible.
- Disability
 - The committee considered that the broader recommendation about the range of dressings that could be used meant that healthcare practitioners could exercise their clinical judgment to identify the most appropriate dressing for each individual client, for example people with learning disabilities who might not understand the need to stay connected to a

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suction device if negative pressure dressings were being used.

- Religion or belief
 - The committee considered that alternatives to these products were already available, and that by making the recommendation more general in terms of the dressings that could be used they had increased the ability of healthcare practitioners to identify the most appropriate dressing for each individual client.

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 committee considered the possibility that the recommendation might increase inequalities in any group, but to the best of their knowledge and experience, the amendment to the recommendation made it more inclusive.

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

The committee's discussions are reflected in the rationale and impact section of the guideline and in the committee's discussion of the evidence section of the evidence 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?

No.

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Date: 8 August 2022

Approved by NICE quality assurance lead _____

Date _____

4.0 Final guideline (to be completed by the Developer before GE consideration of final guideline)

4.1 Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the Committee addressed them?

No additional issues were raised by stakeholders during the consultation.

4.2 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations that 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?

The recommendation was not changed following consultation.

4.3 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, is there potential for the recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?

The recommendation was not changed following consultation.

4.4 If the recommendations have changed after consultation, 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 question 4.2, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to advance equality?

The recommendation was not changed following consultation.

4.5 Have the Committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final guideline, and, if so, where?

The committee's discussions are reflected in the rationale and impact section of the guideline and in the committee's discussion of the evidence section of the evidence review.

Updated by Developer: Chris Carmona

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Approved by NICE quality assurance lead _____

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