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## Venous thromboembolism in over 16s: reducing the risk of hospital-acquired deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism (Update)

### Equality Impact Assessment

#### 3.0 Guideline development: before consultation (to be completed by the developer before draft guideline consultation)

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

The draft guideline contains a specific recommendation within the 'Giving information to patients and planning for discharge' section for clinicians: "Be aware that heparins are of animal origin and this may be of concern to some people. For people who have concerns about using animal products, consider alternatives after discussing their suitability, advantages and disadvantages with the patient." and for patients with religious or personal beliefs to be given the opportunity to express their concerns about the use of animal-derived products and to receive information about alternative options.

The draft guideline contains specific recommendations for pregnant women and women who are up to 6 weeks postpartum who are admitted to hospital or midwife units on risk assessment for VTE and bleeding and VTE prophylaxis in this high risk population group.

3.1 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?

None identified during development.

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3.2 Were the Committee's considerations of equality issues described in the consultation document, and, if so, where?

Yes this description is provided in the full guideline methods chapter section 4.5 'Developing recommendations'.

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 the draft recommendations do not exclude specific groups from accessing services. Everyone who is admitted to hospital, discharged from hospital with lower limb devices, attending hospital for day procedures, admitted to community mental health hospitals or units with psychiatric illness, and pregnant women and women up to 6 weeks postpartum admitted to hospital and midwife units, are covered by this guideline (except children and young people under 16 as per the scope).

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?

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None

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