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NICE quality standards

Equality impact assessment

Asthma

The impact on equality has been assessed during quality standard development according to the principles of the NICE equality policy.

1. TOPIC ENGAGEMENT STAGE

1.1 Have any potential equality issues been identified during this stage of the development process?
There is evidence of worse outcomes of asthma during pregnancy, probably because
women stop taking medication. The specific needs of pregnant women will be considered

during development of the quality standard.

There is also evidence of worse outcomes and less likelihood of diagnosis due to social stigma among people of South Asian family origin. Any specific needs of this group will be highlighted during development of the quality standard.

1.2 Have any population groups, treatments or settings been excluded from coverage by
the quality standard at this stage in the process. Are these exclusions justified – that is,
are the reasons legitimate and the exclusion proportionate?

No population groups, treatments or settings have been excluded from coverage at this stage.

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