

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Scoping

MTA Percutaneous vertebroplasty and percutaneous balloon kyphoplasty for the treatment of osteoporotic vertebral fractures

The impact on equality has been assessed during this appraisal according to the principles of the NICE Equality scheme.

1. Have any potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process (draft scope consultation and scoping workshop discussion), and, if so, what are they?

It was noted that the population for this appraisal predominantly comprises older women, many of whom are also primary caregivers to other people.

2. What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee?

Whilst the prevalence of osteoporotic vertebral compression fractures is higher in older women it is not expected to lead to unfair restrictions of access to treatment, and therefore not considered an equality issue.

3. Has any change to the draft scope been agreed to highlight potential equality issues?

No changes to the draft scope or remit are required, however NICE will bring this issue to the attention of the Appraisal Committee.

4. Have any additional stakeholders related to potential equality issues

been identified during the scoping process, and, if so, have changes to the matrix been made?

No

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