

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE  
EXCELLENCE**

**DIAGNOSTICS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME**

**Equality impact assessment – Scoping**

**High-sensitivity troponin for the early rule out of acute  
myocardial infarction**

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

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| 1. Have any potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process (scoping workshop discussion, assessment subgroup discussion), and, if so, what are they? |
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Troponin levels may differ in males and females. They may also be chronically elevated in some groups; this includes people who are older and people with comorbidities such as chronic kidney disease.
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| 2. What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the committee? |
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Consideration should be given to the use of sex-specific cut-offs which are recommended by the companies for some assays. Consideration may also need to be given to other population groups when exploring cut-offs and early rule-out protocols which include delta change to define a positive or negative result.
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| 3. Has any change to the draft scope been agreed to highlight potential equality issues? |
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Sex and people who may have chronically elevated troponin levels (for example older people and people with renal disease) are included as population subgroups in the scope.
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4. Have any additional stakeholders related to potential equality issues been identified during the scoping process, and, if so, have changes to the stakeholder list been made?

No additional stakeholders have been identified.

**Approved by Associate Director (name): Sarah Byron**

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