

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL  
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TWELFTH WAVE WORK PROGRAMME**

**Irritable Bowel Syndrome**

On 28<sup>th</sup> November 2005 the Department of Health formally requested the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence to prepare a clinical guideline as described in the box below. Also attached is additional background information presented to the Advisory Committee on Topic Selection, plus any other relevant information.

Remit: To develop a guideline on the diagnosis and management within primary care of adults with irritable bowel syndrome – including criteria for referral to secondary care.

**Suggested working titles for NICE:**

**Full Title: Irritable Bowel Syndrome**

**Short Title: IBS**