

Inadvertent perioperative hypothermia: Guideline Update

1 Background

Inadvertent perioperative hypothermia guideline (CG65) was reviewed in 2015 as part of NICE's routine surveillance programme to decide whether the guideline requires updating.

2 Surveillance programme findings

The surveillance programme identified new evidence on the effectiveness of warming devices in preventing inadvertent perioperative hypothermia in adults. The site and method of measuring temperature were not fully addressed in CG65, following consultation feedback it was agreed that this should be considered as part of an update to the guideline. The full report can be found [here](#).

3 Guideline Update

We are answering the following question(s):

1. Are warming devices/mechanisms effective in preventing perioperative inadvertent hypothermia in adults in the different phases of perioperative care, specifically comparing classes of active warming device?
2. What is the best site for accurately measuring temperature in the different phases of perioperative care?

4 Guideline Update process

The rapid update programme updates discrete parts of published clinical guidelines through a standing committee. Guidelines eligible for a rapid update are those focusing on small and defined areas of the guideline. More information can be found [here](#).

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