

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Intrapartum care

2 Introduction

2.1 *NICE quality standards*

NICE quality standards are a concise set of prioritised statements designed to drive measurable quality improvements within a particular area of health or care.

The standards are derived from high-quality guidance, such as that from NICE or [accredited](#) by NICE. They are developed independently by NICE, in collaboration with health, public health and social care practitioners, their partners and service users. Information on priority areas, people's experience of using services, safety issues, equality and cost impact are considered during the development process.

NICE quality standards are central to supporting the Government's vision for a health and social care system that is focused on delivering the best possible outcomes for people who use services, as detailed in the [Health and Social Care Act \(2012\)](#).

The quality standard development process is described in detail on the [NICE website](#).

2.2 *This topic overview*

This topic overview describes core elements of the quality standard. These include the population and topic to be covered, key source guidance to be used to underpin potential quality statements, any related quality standards,

published current practice information and national or routine indicators and performance measures.

If the source guidance is not NICE guidance, it should meet the minimum quality criteria defined in NICE's [accreditation programme](#).

3 This quality standard

This quality standard is expected to publish in December 2015.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover the care of women and their babies during labour and immediately after birth. This will cover both women who enter labour at low risk of intrapartum complications and women with more complicated pregnancies who are at higher risk of intrapartum complications.

3.2 Key development sources (NICE and NICE-accredited sources)

Primary sources

- [Intrapartum care](#) (2014) NICE guideline CG190

Other sources that may be used

- [Intrapartum care for high risk women](#) (NICE guideline in development, publication date tbc). Placeholder statements may be included awaiting publication of guidance on the care of high risk women.
- [Detecting, managing and monitoring haemostasis: viscoelastometric point-of-care testing \(ROTEM, TEG and Sonoclot systems\)](#) (2014) NICE diagnostic guidance 13
- Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (2011) [Operative vaginal delivery](#)
- Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (2011) [Maternal collapse in pregnancy and the puerperium](#)
- Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (2007) [Blood transfusion in obstetrics](#)

Key policy documents, reports and national audits

Relevant policy documents, reports and national audits will be used to inform the development of the quality standard.

- Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (2014) [Annual report 2013: national neonatal audit programme](#)
- National Audit Office (2013) [Maternity services in England](#)
- Royal College of Anaesthetists (2012) [Raising the standard: a compendium of audit recipes](#) (Section 8:Obstetrics)
- Healthcare Commission (2008) [Towards better births: a review of maternity services in England](#)
- National Audit Office (2007) [Caring for vulnerable babies: the reorganisation of neonatal services in England](#)
- Centre for Maternal and Child Enquiries (2006–2012) [Reports on child deaths, maternal deaths and perinatal mortality](#)

3.3 *Related NICE quality standards*

Published

- [Antibiotics for neonatal infection](#) (2014) NICE quality standard 75
- [Ectopic pregnancy and miscarriage](#) (2014) NICE quality standard 69
- [Induction of labour](#) (2014) NICE quality standard 60
- [Neonatal jaundice](#) (2014) NICE quality standard 57
- [Multiple pregnancy](#) (2013) NICE quality standard 46
- [Hypertension in pregnancy](#) (2013) NICE quality standard 35
- [Caesarean section](#) (2013) NICE quality standard 32
- [Antenatal care](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 22
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 15
- [Specialist neonatal care](#) (2010) NICE quality standard 4

In development

- [Antenatal and postnatal mental health](#). Publication expected October 2015

Future quality standards

This quality standard will be developed in the context of all quality standards referred to NICE, including the following quality standards scheduled for future development:

- Diabetes in pregnancy

The full list of quality standard topics referred to NICE is available from the [quality standard topic library](#) on the NICE website.

4 Existing indicators

- Health and Social Care Information Centre (2013) Maternal mortality [indicator portal](#)
- Health and Social Care Information Centre (2013) Perinatal mortality [indicator portal](#)

5 Further information

See the NICE website for more information about [NICE quality standards](#) and the [progress of this quality standard](#).