



Resource impact statement

Resource impact

Published: 23 November 2022

www.nice.org.uk

No significant resource impact is anticipated

The [NICE guideline on fractures \(complex\): assessment and management](#) was updated in November 2022.

We do not expect this update to have a significant impact on resources; that is:

- the resource impact of implementing any single guideline recommendation in England will be less than £1 million per year (or approximately £1,800 per 100,000 population, based on a population for England of 56.3 million people) **and**
- the resource impact of implementing the whole guideline in England will be less than £5 million per year (or approximately £9,000 per 100,000 population, based on a population for England of 56.3m people).

This is because we do not anticipate practice changing substantially because of this guideline update. However, one of the recommendations may represent a change to current local practice. This is to use a temporary dressing that avoids wound desiccation and minimises the number of dressing changes after wound debridement or excision if immediate definitive soft tissue cover has not been performed ([recommendation 1.2.31](#)). This recommendation may reduce the use of negative pressure wound therapy which is one of the temporary dressing options and is currently widely used. Any resource impact as a result of this recommendation is not expected to be significant but should be considered at a local level.

Complex fracture services are commissioned by integrated care systems. Providers are NHS hospital trusts.