



Surveillance report 2018 – Oral health for adults in care homes (2018) NICE guideline NG48

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Surveillance decision

This 2018 surveillance review has taken into account 4 NICE guidelines on the theme of oral health:

- [Dental checks: intervals between oral health reviews](#) (2004) NICE guideline CG19
- [Oral health: local authorities and partners](#) (2014) NICE guideline PH55
- [Oral health promotion: general dental practice](#) (2015) NICE guideline NG30
- [Oral health for adults in care homes](#) (2016) NICE guideline NG48

This report details the surveillance decision for one of these guidelines, NICE guideline NG48. Details of the review decisions for the other 3 oral health guidelines, PH55, NG30 and CG19, can be found on the respective NICE webpages.

We will not update the guideline on oral health for adults in care homes at this time.

During surveillance, editorial or factual corrections were identified. Details are included in [appendix A](#): summary of evidence from surveillance.

Reason for the decision

The evidence

We found 16 studies through surveillance of this guideline.

This included evidence on oral health assessments with a dental professional, electric versus manual toothbrushes, ultrasonic cleaning of prostheses and education for staff and residents. This new evidence was considered to support current recommendations.

We did not find any evidence related to availability of local services, oral health promotion or general dental practices and community dental services.

Equalities

During stakeholder consultation, it was raised that social and economic factors play a significant role in determining oral health outcomes. Inequalities in oral health were considered by the committee during guideline development, and where appropriate the current recommendations take these into account.

Overall decision

After considering all the evidence and views of topic experts and stakeholders, we decided that no update is necessary for this guideline.

See [how we made the decision](#) for further information.

How we made the decision

We check our guidelines regularly to ensure they remain up to date. We based the decision on surveillance 2 years after the publication of NICE's guideline on oral health for adults in care homes (NICE guideline NG48) in 2016.

For details of the process and update decisions that are available, see [ensuring that published guidelines are current and accurate](#) in developing NICE guidelines: the manual.

Evidence

We found 16 studies in a search for all study types published between 1 September 2014 and 29 January 2018.

We also checked for relevant ongoing research, which will be evaluated again at the next surveillance review of the guideline.

See [appendix A](#): summary of evidence from surveillance for details of all evidence considered, and references.

Views of topic experts

We considered the views of topic experts, including those who helped to develop the guideline. Three topic experts responded, and all agreed with the decision not to update the guideline at this time. Comments included concern about diminishing access to general dental practitioners and the highlighting of an early study application regarding the care home population and oral health. The views of topic experts were considered during the surveillance review, see [appendix A](#): summary of evidence from surveillance for details.

Views of stakeholders

Stakeholders commented on the decision not to update the guideline. Overall, 4 stakeholders commented. See [appendix B](#) for stakeholders' comments and our responses.

Three stakeholders agreed with the decision not to update the guideline and 1 disagreed. Comments included concern about a lack of research for the care home environment, the use of chewing gum in the care home population, callouts and commissioning, and diabetes and periodontal disease. After consideration, it was concluded that these issues were acknowledged during guideline development and reflected in the recommendations.

See [ensuring that published guidelines are current and accurate](#) in developing NICE guidelines: the manual for more details on our consultation processes.

The NICE project team would like to thank the topic experts who participated in the surveillance process.

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