

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Gallstone disease

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 diagnosing and managing gallstone disease in adults.

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

Primary source

- [Gallstone disease](#) (2014) NICE guideline CG188

Other sources that may be used

- [Single-incision laparoscopic cholecystectomy](#) (2014) NICE interventional procedure guidance 508
- Royal College of Surgeons (2013) [Commissioning guide: gallstone disease](#)

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.

- None identified

3.3 Related NICE quality standards

Published

- [Surgical site infection](#) (2013) NICE quality standard 49
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 15

In development

- [Dyspepsia and gastro-oesophageal reflux disease](#). Publication due July 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:

- Pancreatitis (including acute pancreatitis)
- Perioperative care

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

- None identified

5 Further information

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