

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Menopause

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 February 2017.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover diagnosing and managing menopause in women, including women who have premature ovarian insufficiency.

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

Primary source

- [Menopause: diagnosis and management](#) (2015) NICE guideline NG23

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.

- Department of Health (2015) [Chief Medical Officer annual report 2014: women's health](#)
- Royal College of Nursing (2014) [Menopause: lifestyle and therapeutic approaches](#)
- British Occupational Health Research Foundation (2010) [Women's experience of working through the menopause](#)
- British Occupational Health Research Foundation (2010) [Work and the menopause: a guide for managers](#)
- Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (2010) [Contraception for women aged over 40 years](#)

3.3 Related NICE quality standards

Published

- [Cardiovascular risk assessment and lipid modification](#) (2015) NICE quality standard 100.
- [Fertility problems](#) (2014) NICE quality standard 73.
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 15.
- [Breast cancer](#) (2011) NICE quality standard 12.
- [Depression in adults](#) (2011) NICE quality standard 8.

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:

- Osteoporosis.

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](#).