

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Endometriosis.

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 July 2018.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover the diagnosis and management of endometriosis in women, including young women aged 17 and under.

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

Primary source

- [Endometriosis: diagnosis and management](#) (2017) NICE guideline NG73

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 Nursing (2015) [Endometriosis fact sheet](#)
- Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (2014) [National heavy menstrual bleeding audit](#)
- NHS England (2013) [NHS standard contract for complex gynaecology – severe endometriosis](#)
- The Health and Social Care Information Centre (2012) [HES on... Endometriosis](#)
- Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (2012) [The initial management of chronic pelvic pain](#)
- Endometriosis UK (2011) [Endometriosis Diagnosis Survey 2011](#)

3.3 Related NICE quality standards

In March 2012, the Department of Health referred a library of quality standard topics for the NHS to NICE for development.

This quality standard will be developed in the context of all topics in the NICE [library of quality standards](#). Endometriosis is relevant to other conditions, including:

- [Menopause](#) (2017) NICE quality standard 143
- [Fertility problems](#) (2014) NICE quality standard 73
- [Heavy menstrual bleeding](#) (2013) NICE quality standard 47

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

- No indicators identified at this stage.

5 Further information

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