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QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Psoriasis

2 Quality standard background

A NICE quality standard is a concise set of statements designed to drive and measure priority quality improvements within a particular area of care.

A NICE quality standard is derived from NICE guidance and other guidance [accredited](#) by NICE. They are developed independently by NICE, in collaboration with NHS and social care professionals, their partners and service users. Recommendations relating to effectiveness and cost effectiveness, 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 an NHS and social care system that is focussed 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](#).

3 Topic overview

This topic overview describes core elements of the quality standard. These include the population and condition to be covered, key source guidance to be used to underpin potential quality statements, any related quality standards, published current practice information from national policy documents, reports and audits, and national or routine indicators and performance measures.

Where the source guidance is not NICE guidance, it should meet the minimum quality criteria defined in NICE's [accreditation](#) programme.

3.1 Timing

The development of the quality standard will begin in December 2012 and is expected to take 10 months to complete.

4 Population and condition to be covered

This quality standard will cover the assessment and management of psoriasis in children, young people and adults.

5 Key development sources (NICE and NICE accredited sources)

Primary source

- [Psoriasis: the management of psoriasis](#). NICE clinical guideline 153 (2012).

Other sources that may be used in the development of the quality standard

- [Diagnosis and management of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis in adults](#). Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) clinical guideline 121 (2010).
- [British Association of Dermatologists' guidelines for biologic interventions for psoriasis](#). British Association of Dermatologists (2009).

6 Related NICE quality standards

Published

- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#). NICE quality standard (2012).

In development

- [Eczema in children](#). NICE quality standard in development. Publication due August 2013.

Quality standards topic library

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 the NICE quality standard topic library, including the following quality standards scheduled for future development:

- Medicines adherence (provisional). NICE quality standard. Publication date to be confirmed.

7 Key policy documents, reports and national audits

Relevant national policy documents, reports and audits will be used to inform the development of the quality standard.

- British Association of Dermatologists and Royal College of Physicians (2008). [UK audit of provision of care for psoriasis patients](#)

8 Existing indicators

None identified.

9 Further information

[More information about NICE quality standards](#) and [the progress of this quality standard](#) is available from the [NICE website](#)¹.

Information on the quality standard development process is provided in:

- [‘Developing NICE quality standards: process guide’](#).

¹ www.nice.org.uk