

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

## QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

### 1 Quality standard title

Headaches in young people and adults

### 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.

NICE quality standards are 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 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](#).

### 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, 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 January 2013 following QSAC 1 meeting.

## **4 Population and condition to be covered**

This quality standard will cover the diagnosis and management of common headaches in people aged 12 years and over.

## **5 Key development sources (NICE and NICE accredited sources)**

### **5.1 Primary source**

- [Headaches](#): diagnosis and management of headaches in young people and adults. NICE clinical guideline 150 (2012).

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

- Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) [Diagnosis and management of headache in adults](#) (2008).

### **5.3 NICE guidance under development**

None identified.

## **6 Related NICE quality standards**

### **6.1 Published**

- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#). NICE quality standard 15 (2012).

### **6.2 In development**

None identified.

### **6.3 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)
- Safe prescribing (provisional)

## **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.

- Department of Health (2005) [The National Service Framework for long term conditions](#).
- The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Primary Headache Disorders (2010) [Headache disorders - not respected, not resourced. A Report of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Primary Headache Disorders \(APPGPHD\)](#).

## **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](#).<sup>1</sup>

Information on the quality standard development process is provided in:

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

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<sup>1</sup> [www.nice.org.uk](http://www.nice.org.uk)