

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

### 1 Quality standard title

Transient loss of consciousness

### 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 healthcare professionals and 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,

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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**

The development of the quality standard will begin in December 2013 and is expected to take 10 months to complete.

#### **3.1 Population and topic to be covered**

This quality standard will cover the assessment, specialist referral and diagnosis of transient loss of consciousness in adults and young people (aged 16 and older).

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

##### **Primary source**

- [Transient loss of consciousness in adults and young people](#). NICE clinical guideline 109 (2010).

##### **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.

- Health and Social Care Information Centre (2013) [HES-MHMDS Data Linkage Report, Additional analysis - 2011-12, Experimental statistics](#). (figures on syncope and collapse, p11)

##### **Other sources that may be used**

- [Epilepsy](#). NICE clinical guideline 137 (2012).

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### **3.3      *Related NICE quality standards***

#### **Published**

- [The epilepsies in children and young people](#). NICE quality standard 27 (2013).
- [The epilepsies in adults](#). NICE quality standard 26 (2013).
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#). NICE quality standard 15 (2012)
- [Stroke](#). NICE quality standard 2 (2010).

#### **In development**

- [Anxiety disorders](#). Publication expected February 2014.
- [Head injury](#). Publication expected October 2014.

## **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](#)