

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

### 1 Quality standard title

Inflammatory bowel disease

### 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,

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 November 2013 and is expected to take 10 months to complete.

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

This quality standard will cover the management of inflammatory bowel disease – that is, Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis – in adults, children and young people. It does not cover people with indeterminate colitis.

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

##### **Primary sources**

- [Ulcerative colitis](#). NICE clinical guideline 166 (2013).
- [Crohn's disease](#). NICE clinical guideline 152 (2012).
- [Guidelines for the management of inflammatory bowel disease in adults](#). British Society of Gastroenterology (2010).

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

- [Faecal calprotectin diagnostic tests for inflammatory diseases of the bowel](#). NICE diagnostics guidance 11 (2013)
- [Colonoscopic surveillance for prevention of colorectal cancer in people with ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease or adenomas](#). NICE clinical guideline 118 (2011).
- [Infliximab for acute exacerbations of ulcerative colitis](#). NICE technology appraisal 163 (2008).
- [Infliximab for subacute manifestations of ulcerative colitis](#). NICE technology appraisal 140 (2008).

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- [Faecal incontinence](#). NICE clinical guideline 49 (2007).
- [Referral for suspected cancer](#). NICE clinical guideline 27 (2005).

### **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.

- [National clinical audit of biological therapies: UK Inflammatory Bowel Disease \(IBD\) audit. Adult national report](#). Royal College of Physicians (2013).
- [National clinical audit of biological therapies: UK Inflammatory Bowel Disease \(IBD\) audit. Paediatric national report](#). Royal College of Physicians (2013).
- [Standards for the Healthcare of People who have Inflammatory Bowel Disease \(IBD\)](#). IBD Standards Group (2013).
- [The inaugural national report of the results for the primary care questionnaire responses. Part of the UK inflammatory bowel disease audit 3rd round](#). Royal College of Physicians (2012)
- [National report of the results of the UK IBD audit 3rd round inpatient experience questionnaire responses](#). Royal College of Physicians (2012)
- [Report of the results for the national clinical audit of adult inflammatory bowel disease inpatient care in the UK Round 3](#). Royal College of Physicians (2012).
- [Report of the results for the national clinical audit of paediatric inflammatory bowel disease inpatient care in the UK](#). Royal College of Physicians (2012).

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

#### **Published**

- [Smoking cessation](#). NICE quality standard 43 (2013).
- [Nutrition support in adults](#). NICE quality standard 24 (2012).
- [Colorectal cancer](#). NICE quality standard 20 (2012).
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#). NICE quality standard 15 (2012).

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### **In development**

- [Faecal incontinence](#). Publication expected February 2014.

### **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:

- Medicines optimisation (covering medicines adherence and safe prescribing)
- Nutrition in hospital, including young people
- Osteoporosis
- Referral for suspected cancer

## **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](#).