



Smoking: support and treatment for people with long term conditions

NICE indicator

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Indicator

The percentage of patients with any or any combination of the following conditions: CHD, PAD, stroke or TIA, hypertension, diabetes, COPD, CKD, asthma who are recorded as current smokers who have a record of an offer of support and treatment within the preceding 12 months.

Indicator type

General practice indicator for use outside the Quality and Outcomes Framework.

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Rationale

NICE and NICE-accredited guidance recommends smoking cessation treatment and support for people with the conditions outlined in the indicator wording. People with these conditions face increased risks from smoking (for example, increased risk of cardiovascular disease) compared with the general population. In addition, there is evidence that people who smoke are receptive to smoking cessation advice in all healthcare settings and that healthcare professionals are effective in helping people to stop smoking.

Source guidance

- [Hypertension in adults: diagnosis and management. NICE guideline NG136 \(2019\), recommendation 1.4.7](#)
- [Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in over 16s: diagnosis and management. NICE guideline NG115 \(2018, updated 2019\), recommendation 1.2.3](#)
- [Risk estimation and the prevention of cardiovascular disease. SIGN guideline 149 \(2017\), recommendation 2.4](#)
- [Type 1 diabetes in adults: diagnosis and management. NICE guideline NG17 \(2015, updated 2021\), recommendation 1.12.5](#)
- [Chronic kidney disease. NICE guideline NG203 \(2021\), recommendation 1.4.6](#)
- [Peripheral arterial disease: diagnosis and management. NICE guideline CG147 \(2012, updated 2018\), recommendation 1.2.1](#)

Specification

Numerator: The number of patients in the denominator who have a record of an offer of support and treatment within the preceding 12 months.

Denominator: The number of patients with any or any combination of the following conditions: CHD, PAD, stroke or TIA, hypertension, diabetes, COPD, CKD, asthma who are recorded as current smokers.

Calculation: Numerator divided by the denominator, multiplied by 100.

Exclusions: None

Minimum population: The indicator would be appropriate to assess performance at individual general practice level.

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