



# Cancer: review within 12 months

NICE indicator

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## Indicator

The percentage of patients with cancer, diagnosed within the preceding 24 months, who have a patient Cancer Care Review using a structured template within 12 months of diagnosis.

## Indicator type

General practice indicator suitable for use in the Quality and Outcomes Framework.

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## Rationale

This indicator aims to encourage GP practices to conduct a cancer care review which represents an initial opportunity to address patients' needs for individual assessment, care planning and ongoing support and information requirements at a time which is appropriate for the individual patient.

## Source guidance

Patient experience in adult NHS services. NICE guideline CG138 (2012), recommendations 1.1.1, 1.3.4, 1.3.5.

## Specification

**Numerator:** The number of patients in the denominator who have had a patient Cancer Care Review using a structured template recorded as occurring within 12 months of diagnosis.

**Denominator:** The number of patients diagnosed with cancer in the preceding 24 months.

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

**Exclusions:** Patients with a diagnosis of non-melanomatous skin lesions.

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

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