



# Diabetes: complications

NICE indicator

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## Indicator

The proportion of adults with a diagnosis of diabetes who have a recording of myocardial infarction (MI), stroke and/or end-stage kidney disease.

## Indicator type

Network / system level indicator.

The indicator would be appropriate to understand and report on the performance of networks or systems of providers.

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## Rationale

Myocardial infarction (MI), stroke and end-stage kidney disease are all complications associated with diabetes. The aim of diabetes care is to help prevent these complications; high rates of these may indicate poor care.

## Source guidance

- [Type 1 diabetes in adults: diagnosis and management. NICE guideline NG17 \(2015, updated 2022\)](#)
- [Type 2 diabetes in adults: management. NICE guideline NG28 \(2015, updated 2022\)](#)
- [Chronic kidney disease: assessment and management. NICE guideline NG203 \(2021\)](#)
- [Stroke and transient ischaemic attack in over 16s: diagnosis and initial management. NICE guideline NG128 \(2019, updated 2022\)](#)
- [Cardiovascular disease: risk assessment and reduction, including lipid modification. NICE guideline NG238 \(2014, updated 2023\)](#)
- [Acute coronary syndromes. NICE guideline NG185 \(2020\)](#)

## Specification

**Numerator:** The number in the denominator with a Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) record of MI, stroke or end-stage kidney disease.

**Denominator:** The number of people with diabetes.

**Calculation:** Indirectly age and sex standardised ratio.

**Exclusions:** People under 18 years.

**Data source:** [National Diabetes Audit \(NDA\)](#).

**Minimum population:** The indicator would be appropriate to understand and report on the performance of networks or systems of providers.

