

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Bladder cancer

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 health, 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

This quality standard is expected to publish in December 2015.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover the diagnosis and management of bladder cancer in adults (18 years and older) referred from primary care. It includes suspected, newly diagnosed and recurrent bladder cancers (urothelial carcinoma, adenocarcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma or small-cell carcinoma) and urethral cancers.

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

Primary source

- [Bladder cancer](#) (2015) NICE guideline NG2

Other sources that may be used

- [Improving outcomes in urological cancers](#) (2002) NICE guideline CSGUC

Key policy documents, reports and national audits

Relevant policy documents, reports and national audits will be used to inform the development of the quality standard.

- National Audit Office (2015) [Progress in improving cancer services and outcomes in England](#)
- Department of Health (2014) [National cancer patient experience survey](#)
- Department of Health (2014) [The national cancer strategy: 4th annual report](#)

- Map of Medicine (2014) [Bladder cancer – suspected](#) (A–Z, Athens login required)
- NHS England (2014) [Manual for cancer services – urology measures](#)
- [Solutions for Public Health \(2014\)](#)
- National Cancer Intelligence Network (2013) [Bladder cancer incidence, mortality and survival rates in the United Kingdom](#)
- Department of Health (2012) [Improving older people's access to cancer treatment services](#)
- Department of Health (2011) [Commissioning cancer services](#)
- National Cancer Intelligence Network (2011) [Survival in patients treated by cystectomy for bladder cancer](#)
- Royal College of General Practitioners (2011) [National audit of cancer diagnosis in primary care](#)

3.3 Related NICE quality standards

Published

- [Children and young people with cancer](#) (2014) NICE quality standard 55
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 15

In development

- [Prostate cancer](#) Publication expected June 2015.

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:

- Referral for suspected cancer.

The full list of quality standard topics referred to NICE is available from the [quality standard topic library](#) on the NICE website.

4 Existing indicators

- [Cancer](#) (2012) NICE QOF indicator NM62

- [Dataset: Mortality from bladder cancer](#). Health and Social Care Information Centre indicator portal
- [Dataset: Survival following diagnosis of bladder cancer](#). Health and Social Care Information Centre indicator portal
- [Dataset: Deaths at home from bladder cancer](#). Health and Social Care Information Centre indicator portal
- [Dataset: Years of life lost due to mortality from bladder cancer](#). Health and Social Care Information Centre indicator portal

5 Further information

See the NICE website for more information about [NICE quality standards](#) and the [progress of this quality standard](#).