

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Irritable bowel syndrome

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 February 2016.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover the diagnosis and management of irritable bowel syndrome in children, young people and adults.

It does not cover other gastrointestinal disorders such as non-ulcer dyspepsia, coeliac disease and inflammatory bowel disease.

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

Primary source

- [Irritable bowel syndrome in adults](#) (2015) NICE guideline CG61

Other sources that may be used

- None identified

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.

- Health and Social Care Information Centre (2011) [Provisional monthly hospital episode statistics for admitted patient care, outpatient and accident and emergency data – April-December 2011: topic of interest: irritable bowel syndrome](#)

3.3 Related NICE quality standards

Published

- [Inflammatory bowel disease](#) (2015) NICE quality standard QS81
- [Constipation in children and young people](#) (2014) NICE quality standard QS62
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 15

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:

- Coeliac disease

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

- None identified

5 Further information

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