

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

### 1 Quality standard title

Pancreatic 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 2018.

#### **3.1 Population and topic to be covered**

This quality standard will cover the diagnosis and management of pancreatic cancer.

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

##### **Primary source**

- [Pancreatic cancer in adults: diagnosis and management](#) (2018) NICE guideline NG85

##### **Other sources that may be used**

- [Suspected cancer: recognition and referral](#) (2015) NICE guideline NG12

##### **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.

- Public Health England (2017) [PHE Cancer Board Plan: 2017 to 2021](#)
- NHS England (2017) [Next steps on the NHS Five Year Forward View](#)
- NHS England (2017) [Achieving World-Class Cancer Outcomes: A Strategy for England 2015-2020; Progress Report 2016-17](#)
- NHS England (2017) [Cancer Waiting Times Annual Report, 2016-17](#)
- The RCGP, Cancer Research UK, Public Health England, NHS England and Macmillan (2017) [The National Cancer Diagnosis Audit \(NCDA\)](#)
- Public Health England (2016) [Routes to Diagnosis.](#)
- Quality health (2016) [National Cancer Patient Experience Survey](#)
- [Pancreatic cancer UK \(2015\) The not so silent killer. Comres survey findings.](#)
- [Pancreatic cancer UK \(2015\) Results of symptoms and diagnosis survey.](#)

### **3.3 Related NICE quality standards**

In March 2012, the Department of Health referred a library of quality standard topics for the NHS to NICE for development.

This quality standard will be developed in the context of all topics in the NICE [library of quality standards](#).

#### **Published**

- [Suspected cancer](#) (2016) NICE quality standard 124

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**

- [The proportion of invasive cases of cancer diagnosed via an emergency route](#)  
NICE indicator CCG01
- [The proportion of new cases of cancer with a stage of diagnosis recorded](#) NICE indicator CCG02
- [The proportion of people with cancer who have the cancer detected at stage 1 or 2](#) NICE indicator CCG03
- [The percentage of patients with cancer diagnosed within the preceding 15 months who have a review recorded as occurring within 3 months of the practice receiving confirmation of the diagnosis](#) NICE indicator NM62

## **5 Further information**

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

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