

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Peripheral arterial disease

2 Introduction

2.1 *NICE quality standards*

NICE quality standards are concise sets of statements designed to drive and measure priority quality improvements within a particular area of care.

The standards are derived from NICE guidance and other guidance [accredited](#) by NICE. They are developed independently by NICE, in collaboration with NHS and social care professionals, their partners and service users. Recommendations relating to effectiveness and cost effectiveness, 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 an NHS 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 condition 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

The development of the quality standard will begin in April 2013 and is expected to take 10 months to complete.

3.1 *Population and condition to be covered*

This quality standard will cover the diagnosis and management of lower limb peripheral arterial disease in adults aged 18 years and over. It will exclude acute ischaemia in the lower limb.

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

Primary source

- [Lower limb peripheral arterial disease](#). NICE clinical guideline 147 (2012).

Key policy documents, reports and national audits

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

- Department of Health (2013) [Cardiovascular Disease Outcomes Strategy: improving outcomes for people with or at risk of cardiovascular disease](#).
- NHS Wales (2009) [Cardiac Disease National Service Framework for Wales](#).

3.3 *Related NICE quality standards*

Published

- [Hypertension](#). NICE quality standard 28 (2013).
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#). NICE quality standard 15 (2012).
- [Diabetes in adults](#). NICE quality standard 6 (2011).

In development

- [Smoking cessation](#). Publication expected August 2013.

Quality standards topic library

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 the NICE quality standard topic library, including the following quality standards scheduled for future development:

- Lipid modification.
- Medicines optimisation (covering medicines adherence and safe prescribing).
- Obesity in adults.
- Physical activity.
- Risk assessment of modifiable cardiovascular risk factors.

4 Existing indicators

- QOF PAD001 - [The contractor establishes and maintains a register of patients with peripheral arterial disease](#).
- QOF PAD002 - [The percentage of patients with peripheral arterial disease in whom the last blood pressure reading \(measured in the preceding 12 months\) is 150/90 mmHg or less](#).
- QOF PAD003 - [The percentage of patients with peripheral arterial disease in whom the last measured total cholesterol \(measured in the preceding 12 months\) is 5 mmol/l or less](#).
- QOF PAD004 - [The percentage of patients with peripheral arterial disease with a record in the preceding 12 months that aspirin or an alternative anti-platelet is being taken](#).
- QOF SMOK002 - [The percentage of patients with any or any combination of the following conditions: CHD, PAD, stroke or TIA, hypertension, diabetes, COPD, CKD, asthma, schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder or](#)

[other psychoses whose notes record smoking status in the preceding 12 months.](#)

- QOF SMOK005 - [The percentage of patients with any or any combination of the following conditions: CHD, PAD, stroke or TIA, hypertension, diabetes, COPD, CKD, asthma, schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder or other psychoses who are recorded as current smokers who have a record of an offer of support and treatment within the preceding 12 months.](#)

5 Further information

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