National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

# Neonatal infection (update)

**Stakeholder engagement – deadline for comments** 5pm on 03/04/2023

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# Introduction

This quality standard covers preventing infection in newborn babies (up to and including 28 days corrected gestational age), treating pregnant women whose babies are at risk of infection, and treating newborn babies with suspected or confirmed infection. It includes when to give antibiotics to prevent and treat neonatal infection. It will replace the existing NICE quality standard for [neonatal infection](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs75) (QS75). The topic was identified for update because there had been changes in the areas for improvement and [updated source guidance](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng195) is now available which includes recommendations on late onset neonatal infection.

Use the form to tell us:

* **What are the** **key areas for quality improvement** that you would want to see covered by this quality standard? **Please prioritise up to 5 areas** which you consider as having the greatest potential to improve the quality of care. Please state the specific aspects of care or service delivery that should be addressed, including the actions that you feel would most improve quality. Note that all actions or interventions to improve quality within the quality standard must be based on recommendations from a NICE or NICE accredited guideline.

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# Quality improvement comments

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| **Key area for quality improvement** | **Why is this a key area for quality improvement?** | **Supporting information** |
| Separately list each key area for quality improvement that you would want to see covered by this quality standard | Evidence of information that care in the suggested key areas for quality improvement is poor or variable and requires improvement. | Information can include:   * National data sources that collect data relating to your suggested key areas for quality improvement * Sections or recommendations in a NICE / NICE accredited guideline relating to the key areas for quality improvement   Type directly into this table. Don’t paste other tables into this table as your comments could get lost. |
| **Example:**  Pulmonary rehabilitation for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) | **Example:** The National Audit for COPD found that the number of areas offering pulmonary rehabilitation has increased in the last three years and although many people are offered referral, the quality of pulmonary rehabilitation and its availability is still limited in the UK.  Individual programmes differ in the precise exercises used, are of different duration, involve variable amounts of home exercise and have different referral criteria. | EXAMPLE: Please see the Royal College of Physicians national COPD audit which highlights findings of data collection for quality indicators relating to pulmonary rehabilitation. <http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/resources/chronic-obstructive-pulmonary-disease-audit> |
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