How to use NICE products

NICE guidance
- Evidence-based recommendations developed by independent committees, including professionals and lay members, and consulted on by stakeholders.
- NICE guidance aims to give everyone access to high-quality care and provide best value for the NHS and social care.
- It helps new treatments and technologies to be made available in the NHS and care sector.
- It helps professionals and people using services make informed decisions about care.

NICE guidelines
- Review the evidence across broad health and social care topics.
- Find out about best care across health and social care topics.
- Find out if a new medical device is a good use of NHS resources.

Technology appraisal guidance
- Review clinical and cost effectiveness of new treatments.
- Find out if a treatment must be available for a specific condition.
- Find out if a diagnostic device or tool is a good use of NHS resources.

Highly specialised technologies guidance
- Review clinical and cost effectiveness of specialised treatments.
- Find out if a treatment must be available for a rare condition.
- Find out if a procedure is safe and effective to use in the NHS.

Medical technologies guidance
- Review new medical devices for adoption in the NHS.
- Find out if a new medical device is a good use of NHS resources.

Diagnostics guidance
- Review new diagnostic technology for adoption in the NHS.
- Find out if a diagnostic device or tool is a good use of NHS resources.

Interventional procedures guidance
- Review the efficacy and safety of procedures.
- Find out if a procedure is safe and effective to use in the NHS.

NICE standards and indicators
- Support quality improvement and delivery of high-quality care, based on NICE or NICE-accredited guidance.

Quality standards
- Set out priority areas for quality improvement in health and social care.
- Measure services and identify areas for improvement.
- Create a local performance dashboard to assess local services.

NICE indicator menu
- Measures based on outcomes or processes for health and care.
How can I...?

NICE advice
A range of products that critically assess and summarise the latest evidence
NICE advice supports commissioning and clinical decision-making in the NHS
They do not include recommendations and are not formal NICE guidance

Evidence summaries
Review the best available evidence for selected medicines

Find out about medicines when there is no NICE guidance

Make better prescribing decisions and improve medicine use

Key therapeutic topics
Evidence summaries to support medicines optimisation

Antimicrobial prescribing evidence summaries
Review the evidence for selected antimicrobials

Find out about antimicrobials when there is no NICE guidance

Find information on new technologies when there is no NICE guidance

Medtech innovation briefings
Review the evidence and likely costs of medical devices and technologies

NICE Pathways
Integrated view of all NICE guidance and advice in topic-based interactive flowcharts

Find out everything NICE has said about a topic or area of care

Get information and support to put NICE guidance into practice

Implementation support tools
Resources supporting the use of NICE guidance

Clinical knowledge summaries
Information and evidence on primary care best practice

Make primary care decisions based on the current evidence

Find up-to-date information about medicines and prescribing

British National Formulary (BNF) and BNF for children
Current information on medicines

More support from NICE
Further tools and resources to support the use of NICE guidance or provide information on topics when no NICE guidance is available

See also the NICE evidence search, an online search engine that provides access to selected, authoritative evidence in health, social care and public health

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