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# NICE indicator guidance

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## Indicator NM139

The percentage of patients with diabetes, on the register, who have had influenza immunisation in the preceding 1 August to 31 March.

## Indicator type

General practice indicator suitable for use in the Quality and Outcomes Framework.

## Rationale

This indicator measures the percentage of people with diabetes who have been vaccinated against influenza in the preceding 8-month period (1 August–31 March). The aim of vaccination is to prevent complications from influenza in people with diabetes. [NICE guideline NG103 Flu vaccination: increasing uptake](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng103) and chapter 19 of the [Green Book](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-the-green-book-chapter-19) recommend annual vaccination for influenza for people with diabetes as they are more likely to develop potentially serious complications from flu.

The 8-month timeframe has been chosen to allow practices to enough time to achieve sufficient uptake during the 6-month winter influenza vaccination programme (usually September to February).

## Source guidance

[Flu vaccination: increasing uptake. NICE guideline NG103](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng103) (2018), recommendation 1.3.1.

## Specification

Numerator: The number of patients in the denominator who have had influenza immunisation in the preceding 1 August to 31 March.

Denominator: The number of patients on the diabetes register.

Calculation: (Numerator/denominator)\*100

Exclusions:

* Patients with persisting flu vaccine contraindication, or an expiring flu vaccine contraindication in the previous 12 months, in their record.

Minimum population: The indicator would be appropriate to assess performance at individual general practice level.

## Further information

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