

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

### Scope for guideline update (starting 2026)

#### Heart valve disease presenting in adults: investigation and management

21 April 2026

NICE is updating its guideline on [heart valve disease presenting in adults: investigation and management](#) (NG208).

The update will be developed using the methods and processes in [developing NICE guidelines: the manual](#).

#### Who the guideline update covers

The update will focus on:

- Adults 18 years and over presenting with aortic stenosis (non-bicuspid and bicuspid) requiring intervention and for whom surgery presents a low or intermediate risk.

#### Equality considerations

A new [equality and health inequalities assessment impact](#) has been completed.

#### Settings

This update will cover all healthcare settings in which NHS care is received or commissioned.

## **Activities, services or aspects of care covered by the guideline update**

We will consider making recommendations on transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI) compared to surgery for adults with aortic stenosis and for whom surgery presents a low or intermediate risk.

### **Draft review questions**

We have developed the following draft review question. This may change during guideline development, but the area covered will remain as listed in the final scope.

The area covered and draft question will be used to develop a more detailed review protocol.

What is the clinical and cost-effectiveness of TAVI compared to surgery (with mechanical or biological valves) for adults with aortic stenosis and for whom surgery presents a low or intermediate risk?

### **Economic aspects**

We will take economic aspects into account when making recommendations. For the review question, we will review the economic evidence and carry out economic modelling and analyses to assess the value for money (cost effectiveness) of interventions. This will be done using an NHS and personal social services perspective.

### **NICE guidance and quality standards that may be affected by this update**

- [Heart valve disease presenting in adults: investigation and management](#) (2021). NICE guideline 208

## Further information

The guideline update is expected to be published in September 2026.

To follow the progress of the update, see the [guideline in development page](#).

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