

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

### 1 Quality standard title

Tuberculosis

### 2 Introduction

#### 2.1 *NICE quality standards*

NICE quality standards are a concise set of prioritised statements designed to drive measurable quality improvements within a particular area of health or care.

The standards are derived from high-quality guidance, such as that from NICE or [accredited](#) by NICE. They are developed independently by NICE, in collaboration with health, public health and social care practitioners, their partners and service users. Information on priority areas, 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 a health 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 topic 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**

This quality standard is expected to publish in January 2017.

#### **3.1 Population and topic to be covered**

This quality standard will cover preventing, identifying and managing latent and active tuberculosis (TB) in children, young people and adults.

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

##### **Primary source**

- [Tuberculosis](#) (2016) NICE guideline NG33

##### **Other sources that may be used**

- [Tuberculosis](#) (2015) NICE clinical knowledge summaries

##### **Key policy documents, reports and national audits**

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

- Public Health England (2015) [Reports of cases of tuberculosis to enhanced tuberculosis surveillance systems: UK, 2000 to 2014](#)
- Public Health England (2015) [Tuberculosis: pre-entry screening in the UK](#)
- Public Health England in partnership with NHS England (2015) [Tuberculosis \(TB\): collaborative strategy for England](#)
- Public health England (2014) [Tuberculosis in the UK: annual report](#)
- Public Health England (2014) [Tuberculosis screening](#)
- Public health England (2014) [Tuberculosis \(TB\) and other mycobacterial diseases: diagnosis, screening, management and data](#)

- Public Health England (2013) [Tuberculosis: the green book, chapter 32](#)

### **3.3 Related NICE quality standards**

#### **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 all topics in the NICE library of quality standards because tuberculosis is relevant to a wide range of conditions and diseases and a range of equality groups.

#### **Published**

- [Infection prevention and control](#) (2014) NICE quality standard 61
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 15

#### **In development**

- [Antimicrobial stewardship](#). Publication expected April 2016

#### **Future quality standards**

This quality standard will be developed in the context of all quality standards referred to NICE, including the following quality standards scheduled for future development:

- Disease control programmes: approaches to effective management
- Managing symptoms with an uncertain cause
- Outbreak planning and control
- Vulnerable populations: strategies for tackling inequalities

The full list of quality standard topics referred to NICE is available from the [quality standard topic library](#) on the NICE website.

## **4 Existing indicators**

- Public Health England [TB strategy monitoring indicators](#)
- Department of Health (2014) [Public Health Outcomes Framework 2013 to 2016](#) 3.5 Treatment completion for TB

## 5 Further information

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