

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

### 1 Quality standard title

Lyme disease.

### 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 July 2019.

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

This quality standard will cover the diagnosis and management of Lyme disease in people of all ages.

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

##### **Primary source**

- [Lyme disease](#) (2018) NICE guideline NG95

##### **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 (2018) [Lyme borreliosis epidemiology and surveillance](#)
- Public Health England (2018) [Lyme disease: resources and guidance](#)
- Public Health England (2018) [Tick awareness and the tick surveillance scheme](#)
- EPPI-Centre (2017) [Incidence and surveillance of Lyme Disease](#)
- European Commission (2018) [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2018/945 of 22 June 2018 on the communicable diseases and related special health issues to be covered by epidemiological surveillance as well as relevant case definitions.](#)
- NHS England (2013/14) [NHS standard contract for specialised immunology \(all ages\) B09/S/a](#)
- Department of Health (2013) [The UK Five Year Antimicrobial Resistance Strategy 2013-2018](#)

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

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](#).

### **Published**

- [Antimicrobial stewardship](#) (2016) NICE quality standard 121
- [Anxiety disorder](#) (2014) NICE quality standard 53
- [Headaches in over 12s](#) (2013) NICE quality standard 42
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#) (2012) NICE quality standard 15
- [Depression in adults](#) (2011) NICE quality standard 8

### **In development**

- [Suspected neurological conditions](#). Publication expected October 2019

### **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:

- Managing symptoms with an uncertain cause.
- Non-antibiotic clinical management of infectious diseases.
- Pain management (young people and adults).

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**

None identified.

## **5 Further information**

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