

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Flu vaccination: increasing uptake

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](#).

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3 This quality standard

This quality standard is expected to publish in January 2020.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover increasing uptake of the free flu vaccination among people who are eligible according to Public Health England's [Immunisation against infectious disease](#), known as the 'Green Book'; the [annual flu plan and annual flu letter](#). This includes children, pregnant women, carers, people with certain health conditions and front-line health and social care staff.

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

Primary source

- [Flu vaccination: increasing uptake](#) (2018) NICE guideline NG103.

Other sources that may be used

- [Immunizations – seasonal influenza](#) (2018) 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 (2019) [Seasonal flu vaccine uptake: figures](#)
- Department of health and social care (2019) [Government response to the House of Commons Science and Technology committee report on flu vaccination in England: ninth report of session 2017-2019](#)
- Department of Health and Social Care, Public Health England and NHS England (2018) [The national flu immunisation programme 2018/19 letter](#)
- Public Health England (2018) [Annual flu reports](#)
- NHS England (2018) [2018/19 community pharmacy contractual framework national clinical audit: flu vaccination for people with diabetes](#)

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- NHS England and Public Health England (2018) [NHS Public health functions agreement 2018-19. Service specifications No. 13 and No. 13a Seasonal influenza immunisation programme](#)
- Public Health England (2018) [Influenza: the green book, chapter 19](#)
- Public Health England (2018) [Flu vaccinations: supporting people with learning disabilities](#)
- Public Health England (2018) [The national childhood flu immunization programme 2018 to 2019: information for healthcare practitioners](#)
- House of Commons (2018) [Flu vaccination programme in England](#)
- NHS improvement (2018) [NHS review of winter 2017/18](#)
- NHS England (2017) [Enhanced service specification: seasonal influenza vaccination programme for care and nursing home workers 2017/18](#)
- NHS England (2017) [Service specification: community pharmacy seasonal influenza vaccination advanced service](#)

3.3 Related NICE quality standards

Published

- [Vaccine uptake in under 19s](#) (2017) NICE quality standard 145
- [Preventing excess winter deaths and illness associated with cold homes](#) (2016) NICE quality standard 117
- [Infection prevention and control](#) (2014) NICE quality standard 61

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:

- Community pharmacy: promoting health and well-being
- Non-antibiotic clinical management of infectious disease

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 outcomes framework for England, 2016–2019](#) 3.03 Population vaccination coverage
- [NICE QOF indicator NM122](#): The percentage of patients with coronary heart disease, stroke or transient ischemic attack, diabetes and/or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease who have influenza immunisation in the preceding 1 August and 31 March
- [NICE QOF indicator NM87](#): The percentage of patients with coronary heart disease who have had influenza immunisation in the preceding 1 August to 31 March (Inherited)
- [NICE QOF indicator NM140](#): The percentage of patients with stroke or TIA who have had influenza immunisation in the preceding 1 August to 31 March (Inherited)
- [NICE QOF indicator NM139](#): The percentage of patients with diabetes, on the register, who have had influenza immunisation in the preceding 1 August to 31 March (Inherited)

5 Further information

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

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