

NICE quality standards

**Information for the public**

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## **Information for people who use NHS services for urinary tract infection in infants, children and young people**

The NICE quality standard for urinary tract infection in infants, children and young people sets out what high-quality care in the NHS in England should include, so that the best care can be offered to infants, children and young people with urinary tract infection using NHS services in England.

### **NICE quality standard for urinary tract infection in infants, children and young people**

The quality standard for urinary tract infection in infants, children and young people is made up of 4 statements that describe high-quality care for patients. These statements are about the best care you should receive and are summarised below.

1. Infants, children and young people under 16 with a temperature of 38°C or higher and no obvious infection have a urine sample tested within 24 hours of seeing a healthcare professional.
2. Infants, children and young people under 16 with a urinary tract infection have any factors that may put them at risk of urinary tract infection and of more serious underlying conditions recorded in their patient notes.
3. Infants, children and young people under 16 with a urinary tract infection caused by coliform bacteria (a type of bacteria that usually live in the digestive



system) have laboratory test results that show whether these bacteria were *E. coli* or not, to identify whether further investigations are needed.

4. Children and young people under 16 who have had a urinary tract infection, and/or their parents or carers, are given information about how to recognise if they have another infection and to seek medical advice straight away.

NICE has produced information for the public on urinary tract infection in children. See <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG54>

## **Your care**

In the NHS, patients and healthcare professionals have rights and responsibilities as set out in the NHS Constitution ([www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-nhs-constitution-for-england](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-nhs-constitution-for-england)). All NICE quality standards are written to reflect these. You have the right to be involved in discussions and make informed decisions about your treatment and care with your healthcare team. Your choices are important and healthcare professionals should support these wherever possible. You should be treated with dignity and respect.

## **Information from NICE about urinary tract infection in infants, children and young people**

The full quality standard for urinary tract infection in infants, children and young people, written for healthcare professionals, is available from <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/QS36>

NICE also produces guidance (advice) for the NHS in England and Wales about preventing, diagnosing and treating medical conditions, based on the best available evidence.

NICE has produced guidance on urinary tract infection in children, available from <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG54>. The guidance was used to develop this quality standard.

Information for the public about the care and treatment recommended in the NICE guidance on urinary tract infection in children is available from <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG54>. It is written to help patients, their families and carers to understand the care and treatment options that should be available in the NHS.

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