

NICE quality standards

Information for the public

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Information for people who use NHS services for psoriasis

The NICE quality standard for psoriasis sets out what high-quality care in the NHS in England should include, so that the best care can be offered to people with psoriasis using NHS services in England.

NICE quality standard for psoriasis

The quality standard for psoriasis is made up of 6 statements that describe high-quality care for patients. These statements are about the best care you should receive and are summarised below.

1. People with psoriasis are offered an assessment of how severe their psoriasis is when they are diagnosed and when the response to the treatment is assessed.
2. People with psoriasis are offered an assessment of how their physical, psychological and social wellbeing is affected by having psoriasis when they are diagnosed and when their response to the treatment is assessed.
3. People with psoriasis are referred to a dermatology specialist for assessment if it is needed.
4. Adults with severe psoriasis are offered an assessment of their risk of having heart problems when they are diagnosed and at least once every 5 years.

5. People with psoriasis having treatment are offered an annual assessment for psoriatic arthritis (a type of joint disease).

6. People with psoriasis receiving drug treatment known as 'systemic therapy' are monitored according to a locally agreed procedure.

NICE has produced information for the public on psoriasis. See <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG153>.

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). 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 psoriasis

The full quality standard for psoriasis, written for healthcare professionals, is available from <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/QS40>.

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 psoriasis, available from <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG153>. The guidance was used to develop this quality standard.

Information for the public about the care and treatment recommended in the NICE guidance on psoriasis is available from <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG153>. 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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