

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1 Quality standard title

Constipation in children and young people

2 Introduction

2.1 *NICE quality standards*

NICE quality standards are a concise set of 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 healthcare professionals and 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.

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(July 2013)

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

The development of the quality standard will begin in July 2013 and is expected to take 10 months to complete.

3.1 Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover the diagnosis and management of idiopathic constipation in children and young people (from birth up to 18 years).

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

Primary source

- [Constipation in children and young people: diagnosis and management of idiopathic childhood constipation in primary and secondary care](#). NICE clinical guideline 99 (2010).

Other sources that may be used

- [Nocturnal enuresis: the management of bedwetting in children and young people](#). NICE clinical guideline 111 (2010).
- [Coeliac disease](#). NICE clinical guideline 86 (2009).

Key policy documents, reports and national audits

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

- [National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services – Continence issues for a child with learning difficulties](#). Department of Health (2010).
- [National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services – Continence](#). Department of Health (2007).

- [National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services: Core Document](#). Department of Health (2004).

3.3 Related NICE quality standards

Published

- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#). NICE quality standard 15 (2012).

In development

None.

Quality standards topic library

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:

- Nocturnal enuresis.
- Coeliac disease.

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](#).