

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

### 1 Quality standard title

Urinary incontinence in women

### 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 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.

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 April 2014 and is expected to take 10 months to complete.

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

This quality standard will cover management of urinary incontinence in women 18 years and older.

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

##### **Primary source**

- [Urinary incontinence in women](#). NICE clinical guideline 171 (2013).

##### **Other sources that may be used**

- [Mirabegron for treating symptoms of overactive bladder](#). NICE technology appraisal guidance 290 (2013).
- [Urinary incontinence in neurological disease](#). NICE clinical guideline 148 (2012).

##### **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.

- [Continence care services in England 2013 – Survey report](#). All Party Parliamentary Group for Continence Care (2013).
- [National audit of continence care – Combined organisational and clinical report](#). Royal College of Physicians (2010).

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

#### **Published**

- [Faecal incontinence](#). NICE quality standard 54 (2014)
- [Lower urinary tract symptoms](#). NICE quality standard 45 (2013)
- [Patient experience in adult NHS services](#). NICE quality standard 15 (2012).

#### **In development**

- [Nocturnal enuresis](#). NICE quality standard (publication expected September 2014).

#### **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:

- Neurological problems

## **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](#).