



Immunisation: flu vaccine for people with long-term conditions

NICE indicator

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Indicator

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 to 31 March.

Indicator type

General practice indicator suitable for use in the Quality and Outcomes Framework.

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Rationale

Offering influenza vaccination to people with the long-term conditions listed in this indicator is a current recommendation from the Chief Medical Officer and the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation.

Source guidance

[Flu vaccination: increasing uptake. NICE guideline NG103 \(2018\)](#), recommendations in section 1.4

Specification

Numerator: The number of patients in the denominator who have influenza immunisation in the preceding 1 August to 31 March.

Denominator: The number of patients with coronary heart disease, stroke or transient ischemic attack, diabetes and/or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Calculation: Numerator divided by the denominator, multiplied by 100.

Exclusions: None. It should be noted that the QOF register for diabetes mellitus excludes people under 17.

Expected population size: To be suitable for use in QOF, there should be more than 20 patients eligible for inclusion in the denominator, per average practice with 10,000 patients, prior to application of personalised care adjustments. [QOF data for 2022 to 2023](#) show that for each individual condition included in the denominator the population size would be above this threshold.

Update information

Minor changes since publication

September 2024: Information about the minimum population was replaced with that of the expected population size. We added information about personalised care adjustments and exception reporting.

October 2020: We added a specification and information about the minimum population. We added a source guidance section and removed the introduction section.

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