

Quality and Outcomes Framework Programme

Changes to indicators post publication on the NICE menu

Following the June 2010 meeting of the Independent Primary Care Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) Indicator Advisory Committee 21 indicators were published on the NICE menu for the QOF. These indicators were published for consideration during the negotiations between NHS Employers, on behalf of the Health Departments, and the General Practitioners Committee, on behalf of the British Medical Association.

During negotiations NICE was asked to consider changes to some of the wording of the indicators published on the NICE menu in terms of their clarity and consistency with other indicators in the QOF.

The changes to the NICE Menu indicator NM03 are outlined below with a brief rationale for the change.

Indicator wording before amendment:

NM03: The percentage of women with epilepsy under the age of 50 who are taking antiepileptic drugs who have a record of information and counselling about contraception, conception and pregnancy in the previous 15 months

Indicator wording after amendment:

NM03: The percentage of women under the age of 55 years who are taking antiepileptic drugs who have a record of information and counselling about contraception, conception and pregnancy in the preceding 15 months

Rationale

The age range of this indicator was changed to be consistent with the age range for the contraception indicators which have an upper age limit of 55 years.