QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

Brain tumours (primary) and brain metastases in adults

1. Introduction

NICE quality standards describe key areas for quality improvement in health, public health and social care. Each quality standard contains a set of quality statements with related measures. Quality statements are derived from evidence-based guidance, such as NICE guidance or NICE-accredited guidance. They are developed independently by NICE, in collaboration with health, public health and social care practitioners, their partners and people using services.

* 1. Brain tumours (primary) and brain metastases in adults quality standard

This quality standard has been commissioned by NHS England.

It will cover diagnosing, monitoring and managing any type of primary brain tumour or brain metastases in people aged 16 or over.

This quality standard is expected to publish in January 2021.

* 1. Topic engagement

The topic engagement exercise will help identify what stakeholders think are the key areas for quality improvement for this topic. The areas highlighted by stakeholders will be included in the briefing paper that will be used to inform the prioritisation of key areas during the first quality standards advisory committee meeting.

1. Developing the quality standard
   1. Key development sources (NICE and NICE-accredited guidance)

* [Suspected neurological conditions: recognition and referral](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng127) (2019) NICE guideline NG127
* [Brain tumours (primary) and brain metastases in adults](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng99) (2018) NICE guideline NG99
* [Suspected cancer: recognition and referral](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng12) (2015, updated 2017) NICE guideline NG12
  1. Key policy documents, reports and national audits

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

* British Journal of General Practice (2018) [Diagnosing cancer in primary care: results from the National Cancer Diagnosis Audit](https://bjgp.org/content/68/666/e63)
* Getting it Right First Time (2018) [Cranial neurosurgery: GIRFT programme national specialty report](https://gettingitrightfirsttime.co.uk/surgical-specialty/cranial-neurosurgery/)
* NHS England (2020) [Stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) and stereotactic radiotherapy (SRT) for the treatment of the surgical cavity following resection of cerebral metastases](https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/srs-and-srt-treatment-of-the-surgical-cavity/)
* NHS England (2018) [Protocol for emergency surgical intervention in patients with a brain tumour](https://wmcanceralliance.nhs.uk/clinical-leadership/expert-advisory-groups-a-l/brain-and-central-nervous-system)
* NHS England (2016) [Clinical commissioning policy: stereotactic radiosurgery/radiotherapy for ependymoma, haemangioblastoma, pilocytic astrocytoma and trigeminal schwannoma (adults)](https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/spec-services/npc-crg/group-b/b01/)
* NHS England (2013) [Clinical commissioning policy: stereotactic radiosurgery/radiotherapy for meningioma](https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/spec-services/npc-crg/group-b/b03/)
* NHS England (2013) [Clinical Commissioning Policy: Stereotactic Radiosurgery / Stereotactic Radiotherapy for Cerebral Metastases](https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/spec-services/npc-crg/group-b/b03/)
* NHS England (2013) [2013/14 NHS standard contract for cancer: brain/central nervous system (adult)](https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/spec-services/npc-crg/group-b/b03/)

1. Further information
   1. Related NICE quality standards

### Published

* [Head and neck cancer](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs146) (2017) NICE quality standard 146
* [Care of dying adults in the last days of life](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs144) (2017) NICE quality standard 144
* [Suspected cancer](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs124) (2016) NICE quality standard 124
* [Headaches in over 12s](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs42) (2013) NICE quality standard 42
* [End of life care for adults](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs13) (2011) NICE quality standard 13

### In development

* [Decision-making and mental capacity](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-qs10127). NICE quality standard in development. Publication expected March 2020
* [Suspected neurological conditions](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-qs10082). NICE quality standard in development. Publication expected July 2020

The full list of quality standard topics referred to NICE is available from the [quality standard topic library](http://www.nice.org.uk/Standards-and-Indicators/Developing-NICE-quality-standards-/Quality-standards-topic-library).

See the NICE website for [more information about NICE quality standards](http://www.nice.org.uk/standards-and-indicators) and the [progress of this quality standard](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-qs10092).

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