

Implementation of evidence-based guidance and supporting tools.

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Objectives

- Review roles of NICE
- NICE guidance on AF
- NICE implementation tools
- NICE Pathways
- NICE BMJ Quality Improvement Workbooks

Roles of NICE

- Practitioners: Produce **evidence-based guidance** and advice.
- Commissioners and providers: Develop **quality standards and performance metrics**.
- Provide **information services** for commissioners, practitioners and managers.



Reminder: Why use NICE guidance?

- Quality improvement.
- Cost reduction.
- Mitigate variation and inequalities.

The Management of Atrial Fibrillation Clinical Guideline 180 (June 2014)

- Replaces previous guideline of June 2006.
- Recommendations apply to adults (18 years or older) with AF.
- Includes new recommendations for a personalised package of care and information, referral for specialised management, stroke prevention, rate and rhythm control and the management of acute AF.

www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg180

NICE Quality Standard 93 on AF (July 2015)

- QS93 Atrial Fibrillation: Treatment and Management.
- Based on best available evidence including NICE guidelines & NICE-accredited sources.
- Defines **priority areas for quality improvement**.
- 6 statements covering anticoagulation, referral and self-monitoring.

How to use NICE Quality Standards

Identify local priorities for quality improvement

- NICE quality standards can highlight key areas for improvement.

Drive quality improvement

- Upon identifying gaps and priorities, use quality statements to measure service improvement.
- See Into Practice Guide www.nice.org.uk/intopracticeguide

NICE Implementation Tools

Costing report and template: estimates financial impact to the NHS of implementing the guidance in England at national and at local level.

Baseline assessment tool: identifies if organisations are in line with practice recommended in NICE guidance and to help them plan improvements.

Patient decision aids: summarise information on the things people with AF most often want to think about and discuss with their healthcare team.

Local practice collection: provides real examples showing how NICE guidelines and standards have been effectively put into practice.

Commissioning guide: Anticoagulation therapy.

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Atrial fibrillation overview



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Quality standards

Adult at risk of or with suspected atrial fibrillation

Assessment

Management

NICE pathway on patient experience in adult NHS services

These are the paths in the *Atrial fibrillation* pathway:

- Atrial fibrillation overview
- Assessment of atrial fibrillation
- Managing atrial fibrillation
- Preventing stroke in people with atrial fibrillation
- Controlling heart rate and rhythm in people with atrial fibrillation
- Managing acute atrial fibrillation

NICE BMJ Quality Workbooks

- Hosted on BMJ Quality website www.quality.bmj.com
- Produced jointly by NICE and BMJ.
- **Implementation tools.**
- Four pilot workbooks produced:
 - Discontinuation of Aspirin monotherapy
 - Starting anti-coagulation
 - Risk scoring for AF
 - Opportunistic pulse checking for people over 65

What I have told you

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