



Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the October edition of our Public Involvement update from the Public Involvement Programme (PIP) at NICE.

For more information about how we involve patients and the public in NICE's work please visit our [get involved](#) page on the NICE website. If you would like information on all of NICE's work, please subscribe to our [e-newsletter and alerts](#). NICE is also on Twitter – for news and updates please follow [@NICEComms](#). For messages specifically from the PIP [@NICEGetInvolved](#).

Healthwatch organisations and national patient, carer and voluntary organisations are welcome to get involved in the development of NICE guidance if you would like to. To do this for clinical, public health, social care guidance and quality standards, you will need to register as a stakeholder organisation for the specific topics of interest to you. [NICE stakeholder registration](#).

If you have any comments about the content of this update or ideas about what you'd like to see in the next edition, please contact sally.taylor@nice.org.uk.



How do you use NICE guidance in your work?

Have you contributed to a consultation, sat on a committee, or used NICE resources as part of your work? You may have designed research around our recommendations, supported a patient to understand their care, or challenged services to improve practice. We want hear about it and showcase best practice of how NICE guidance is used in the voluntary and community sector. If you have an example, or for more information, email mark.rasburn@nice.org.uk.

Opportunities to get involved (*click the header links*)

NICE committees and working groups are made up of health, social care and other professionals and practitioners, patients, service users, carers and members of the public and technical experts. Current vacancies are listed on [this page](#), all vacancies close at 5pm on the day of the deadline unless otherwise stated. This is a list of vacancies for patients, service users, carers and lay people.

Current recruitment

- **The Community Mental Health Care Pathway - expert reference group**
Closes 5pm; 13 October 2017
- **Head and neck cancer guideline update committee**
Closes 5pm: 23 October 2017
- **Stroke and transient ischaemic attack in over 16s guideline update committee**
Closes 5pm: 25 October 2017

Current consultations (*Click the header links*)

We are aware that sometimes our consultation deadlines mean that it isn't possible for organisations to engage with their members as much as they might like. To try and help with this, NICE has a [database of milestone dates](#) for its clinical guideline programme. This means that you can see when consultations are scheduled in advance of the consultation starting. You can also see all the topics you might be interested in [registering as a stakeholder](#) for.

Guidelines

- **Hepatitis B and C testing: people at risk of infection**
Consultation end date: 13 October 2017
- **Venous thromboembolism in over 16s: reducing the risk of hospital-acquired deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism (Update)**
Consultation end date: 15 October 2017
- **Managing medicines in care homes**
Consultation end date: 16 October 2017
- **Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (update)**
Consultation end date: 18 October 2017
- **Autism spectrum disorder in under 19s: recognition, referral and diagnosis (standing committee update) (2018)**
Consultation end date: 25 October 2017

Current consultations continued (*Click the header links*)

- **Stroke and transient ischaemic attack in over 16s: diagnosis and initial management (update)**

Consultation end date: 25 October 2017

Quality Standard

- **Spondyloarthritis**
Consultation end date: 17 October 2017
- **Medicines management: managing the use of medicines in community settings for people receiving social care**
Consultation end date: 17 October 2017

Newly Published Guidance (*click the links*)

For the full list of last month's guidance, please click [here](#).

Ref	Title	Type
NG72	Developmental follow-up of children and young people born preterm	Guideline
NG73	Endometriosis: diagnosis and management	Guideline
NG74	Intermediate care including reablement	Guideline
NG75	Faltering growth: recognition and management of faltering growth in children	Guideline
QS156	Physical health of people in prisons	Quality Standard
QS157	HIV testing: encouraging uptake	Quality Standard
QS158	Rehabilitation after critical illness in adults	Quality Standard
QS159	Transition between inpatient mental health settings and community or care home settings	Quality Standard
QS160	End of life care for infants, children and young people	Quality Standard
QS161	Sepsis	Quality Standard

News (Click the header links)

- **Test children's urine before prescribing antibiotics for UTIs, says NICE**
NICE is advising healthcare professionals use dipstick urine tests to decide whether to give children antibiotics for suspected urinary tract infections (UTI).
- **NICE sets out how to diagnose and treat Lyme disease**
New NICE guidance will help GPs, specialists and other health professionals spot a potential diagnosis of Lyme disease.
- **Most common ear infections should not be treated with antibiotics, says NICE**
NICE is urging GPs to manage most common ear infections with pain relief rather than antibiotics.
- **NICE says not to give up on people trying to be independent after hospital discharge or in their own homes**
NICE is urging health and social care staff to support people to safely continue with everyday activities such as climbing stairs, dressing themselves or cooking after a period of illness or if they have been struggling at home.
- **Nivolumab now available for lung cancer after company offers NICE new CDF deal**
Lung cancer patients in England can now be prescribed nivolumab, also known as Opdivo, after NICE says it should be available through the Cancer Drugs Fund (CDF).
- **NICE to begin review of its guidance on the diagnosis and treatment of CFS/ME**
- **More than a million people should be offered lifestyle tips as a way to avoid type 2 diabetes**
- **Sepsis - what NICE says**

Noticeboard – Sharing Information, Events and Updates in Patient and Public Involvement

To request to feature on the Noticeboard, please contact sally.taylor@nice.org.uk

EUPATI UK Toolkit workshop – Leeds **10 November 2017. 9.30-12.30 or 1.30-4.30pm.**

Are a patient or associated with a patient organisation and are interested in how medicines are developed and shaping future medicines research, then this training opportunity might be for you.

Download the [agenda](#) for the day, for further information and other locations
<https://uk.eupati.eu/event/a-new-event/>

Disclaimer: Please note this event is through the **EUPATI** and is not a NICE initiative

Health Education England Medical Associate Programme and public views

We have been asked by Health Education England (HEE) to gather 5 public and patient representatives to take part in brief telephone interviews on their views about 4 new roles, which are collectively known as Medical Associates:

- Physician Associates (PAs),
- Physicians' Assistants (Anaesthesia), (PAAs),
- Advanced Critical Care Practitioners (ACCP)
- Surgical Care Practitioners (SCP).

The questions we are interested in public representative views on are:

- To what extent do you think patients are aware of the growth of such roles, and do you think there has been any recent changes in that can you give any examples
- What factors might influence patients to consider such roles favourably and any factors that they might consider less favourably, can you give any examples
- Are there any actions you think NHS Trusts or GP employers should be taking, from the patient perspective, when they develop or employ such roles in their staffing?
- Are there any actions other NHS or professional bodies should be taking from the patient perspective, when they develop such roles?

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