

Kent & Medway Medicines Optimisation Group

Recent NICE publications – June 2022

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NICE Publications

NICE clinical guidelines

[Medicines associated with dependence or withdrawal symptoms: safe prescribing and withdrawal management for adults published April 2022](#)

This guideline covers general principles for prescribing and managing withdrawal from opioids, benzodiazepines, gabapentinoids, Z-drugs and antidepressants in primary and secondary care.

Updated NICE Clinical Guidelines

[Stroke and transient ischaemic attack in over 16s: diagnosis and initial management updated April 2022](#)

This guideline covers interventions in the acute stage of a stroke or transient ischaemic attack (TIA). It offers the best clinical advice on the diagnosis and acute management of stroke and TIA in the 48 hours after onset of symptoms. In April 2022, NICE reviewed the evidence and made new recommendations on blood pressure control for people with acute intracerebral haemorrhage.

[Epilepsies in children, young people and adults updated April 2022](#)

This guideline covers diagnosing and managing epilepsy in children, young people and adults in primary and secondary care, and referral to tertiary services. It aims to improve diagnosis and treatment for different seizure types and epilepsy syndromes, and reduce the risks for people with epilepsy.

NICE COVID Rapid Guidelines

No new NICE Rapid Guidelines

Updated NICE COVID Rapid Guidelines

[COVID-19 rapid guideline: managing COVID-19 \[NG191\] Updated May 2022](#)

This guideline covers the management of COVID-19 for children, young people and adults in all care settings. It brings together existing recommendations on managing COVID-19, and new recommendations on therapeutics, so that healthcare staff and those planning and delivering services can find and use them more easily. **On 19 May 2022**, NICE replaced 2 recommendations about advice to give to people with COVID-19 with a single recommendation linking to the UK Health Security Agency's guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19, which now provides this information. NICE deleted the recommendation for people with pre-existing advanced comorbidities because finding out whether they have advance care plans or advance decisions to refuse treatment is part of routine care.

NICE Quality Standards

No new NICE Quality Standards

Updated NICE Quality Standards

[Vaccine uptake in under 19s Updated May 2022](#)

This quality standard covers increasing vaccine uptake among children and young people aged under 19 in groups and settings that have low immunisation coverage. It describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement. In May 2022, changes were made to align this quality standard with the updated NICE guideline on vaccine uptake in the general population.