



**Therapy & Guidelines sub-committee  
British Association of Dermatologists  
Endorsement and comments on NICE Quality Standard for Atopic Eczema in  
Children  
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The British Association of Dermatologists would like to endorse the NICE Quality Standard for atopic eczema in children.

We are aware that comments are no longer accepted on the embargoed version of this document, but wish to forward to NICE a couple of “*nota bene*” entries for future reference and revision.

N.B.1 We would like to re-emphasise that the overarching indicator and improvement areas for childhood atopic eczema DO NOT sit with Domain 1\* of the NHS Outcomes Framework. Childhood eczema is rarely, if ever, life threatening. In contrast, it is often a long-term condition impacting on quality of life of the child, family and carers. The main Domain that this standard sits with is Domain 2\*.

N.B.2 We also feel that when applying the indicators and outcomes to quality standards NICE would need to cover ALL relevant domains. In particular, Domains 3\* and 4\* also provide relevant outcome measures, such as psychological support, PROMS, integrated care and patient experience, etc.

\*NHS Outcomes Framework

*Domain 1:* prevention of premature death

*Domain 2:* enhancing the quality of life for people with long-term conditions

*Domain 3:* helping people to recover from episodes of ill health or following injury

*Domain 4:* ensuring that people have a positive experience of care

*Domain 5:* treating and caring for people in a safe environment and protecting them from avoidable harm