



**Therapy & Guidelines sub-committee  
British Association of Dermatologists  
Endorsement and comments on NICE Quality Standard for Psoriasis  
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The British Association of Dermatologists would like to endorse the NICE Quality Standard on Psoriasis.

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 have a concern with standard 3 – the term “dermatology specialist” is not defined tightly enough, referring to very loose terms such as a “dermatology specialist nurse” and “trained GP with a special interest”. More specificity is needed if it is to have meaning; therefore we are forwarding a proposal:

*“A dermatology specialist is a doctor accredited in dermatology by their professional registration organisation, or a dermatology Level 3 specialist nurse as defined by the British Dermatology Nursing Group dermatology nurse competencies ([www.bdnq.org.uk](http://www.bdnq.org.uk)), or one who meets the full Department of Health criteria of a GP with a specialist interest in dermatology, or a dermatology specialty doctor, or a training practitioner working in the same clinic under the direct supervision of an accredited, professionally registered dermatology practitioner”*

N.B.2 We are slightly disappointed that the standards do not specify that pathways should be in place to manage co-morbidities such as depression and arthritis. This is alluded to in the introduction, under “Coordinated services”, but not specified in the individual care standards.