

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

NICE Quality Standards Consultation – suspected cancer

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In order to guide your comments, please refer to the general points for consideration on the [NICE website](#) as well as the specific questions detailed within the quality standard.

Please add rows as necessary.

Section	Comments
e.g. Section 1 Introduction or quality statement 1 (measure)	e.g. Comment about quality statement 1.
General	It is unclear why the standard predominantly addresses gastrointestinal cancers.
Quality statement 3	In its current form, the relevant statement to skin cancer is mainly statement 3 - it's very generic and reasonably covers the aim to encourage patients referred to attend.
Scope	We don't think the scope of the quality statements is sufficiently fundamental. We would have interest in creating an online electronic referral system populating a database of submissions and assisted with intelligent algorithms for referrers. This process should be able to take attachments including images and other data to enable the assessment and processing of the submission. The outcomes of the referrals should be an output of the electronic process and linked such that analysis of the submission can be done with respect to features on presentation, demographic, referring source and other pathology specific criteria. Skin cancer would be a relatively easy example to start with.

What will happen to your comments

A summary of the consultation comments, prepared by the NICE quality standards team, and the full set of consultation comments will be shared with the Quality Standards Advisory Committee (QSAC). The QSAC will then meet to review the comments and the quality standard will be refined with input from the QSAC chair and members.

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