

British Association of Dermatologists
Therapy & Guidelines, Skin Cancer, and Skin Cancer Prevention sub-
committees
NICE Quality Standards for Suspected Cancer

Thank you for the opportunity to endorse the NICE Quality Standards for Suspected Cancer.

In its current form the British Association of Dermatologists is unable to support and endorse these Quality Standards as we have concerns over the guideline underpinning them (*Suspected Cancer: Recognition and Referral NG12*).

Although in general terms they are reasonable, these Quality Standards lack sufficient depth or breadth with regard to skin cancer to be relevant to Dermatology. We would welcome either further discussions with NICE on this matter, or the improvement to the approach in updating NG12 where sufficient sub-specialties must be represented in the guideline development group.

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