

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the November 2019 edition of our Public Involvement update from the Public Involvement Programme (PIP) at NICE. For more information about how we involve patients and the public in NICE’s work please visit our [get involved](http://www.nice.org.uk/Get-Involved) page on the NICE website.

If you would like information on all of NICE’s work, please subscribe to our [newsletters and alerts](https://www.nice.org.uk/news/nice-newsletters-and-alerts). NICE is also on Twitter – for news and updates please follow [@NICEComms](http://twitter.com/NICEcomms). For messages specifically from the PIP follow us at [@NICEGetInvolved](http://www.twitter.com/nicegetinvolved).

Register as a stakeholder organisation for the specific topics of interest to you. [NICE stakeholder registration](https://www.nice.org.uk/Get-Involved/stakeholder-registration).

If you have any comments about the content of this update or ideas about what you’d like to see in the next edition, please contact [sally.taylor@nice.org.uk](mailto:sally.taylor@nice.org.uk)



[**Our new quick guide 'Assessment and diagnosis of autism: what to expect'**](https://www.nice.org.uk/about/nice-communities/social-care/quick-guides/assessment-and-diagnosis-of-autism-what-to-expect?utm_medium=email&utm_source=scupdate&utm_campaign=oct19&utm_content=qg23) is based on our [**'Autism spectrum disorder in under 19s' guideline**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg128?utm_medium=email&utm_source=scupdate&utm_campaign=oct19)**.**  
More than 1 in 100 people are autistic. This affects people in different ways. It can bring strengths but also some challenges that can impact on how comfortable, healthy and happy you feel. Getting the right diagnosis and support is important.

Produced for young people of secondary school age and their families, the quick guide talks about what to expect before, during and after an autism assessment

[**Learn more about: our quick guide**](https://www.nice.org.uk/about/nice-communities/social-care/quick-guides/assessment-and-diagnosis-of-autism-what-to-expect?utm_medium=email&utm_source=scupdate&utm_campaign=oct19&utm_content=qg23)

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**‘For World Mental Health Day** we featured a week long Twitter campaign focusing on mental health. If you missed the tweets see [**@NICEGetInvolved**](https://twitter.com/NICEGetInvolved)

# Opportunities to get involved *(click the header links)*

NICE committees and working groups are made up of health, social care and other professionals and practitioners, patients, service users, carers and members of the public and technical experts. Current vacancies are listed on [this page,](http://www.nice.org.uk/Get-Involved/join-a-committee) all vacancies close at 5pm on the day of the deadline unless otherwise stated. This is a list of [vacancies](https://www.nice.org.uk/get-involved/our-committees/join-a-committee) for patients, service users, carers and lay people.

## Current recruitments

* [**Indoor air quality at home**](https://www.nice.org.uk/get-involved/our-committees/join-a-committee/lay-member--indoor-air-quality-at-home-quality-standards-advisory-committee)

Closes 5pm; 13 November 2019

* **[High sensitivity troponin for early rule out of acute myocardial infarction](https://www.nice.org.uk/get-involved/our-committees/join-a-committee/lay-member--diagnostics-advisory-committee)**

Closes 5pm; 15 November 2019

* [**Social work interventions**](https://www.nice.org.uk/get-involved/our-committees/join-a-committee/lay-member--social-work-for-adults-with-complex-needs-guideline-committee)

Closes 5pm; 18 November 2019

* [**Self Harm in over 8s**](https://www.nice.org.uk/get-involved/our-committees/join-a-committee/lay-member--self-harm-in-over-8s-guideline-committee)

Closes 5pm; 20 November 2019

# Current consultations *(Click the header links)*

We are aware that sometimes our [consultation deadlines](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/inconsultation) mean that it isn’t possible for organisations to engage with their members as much as they might like. To try and help with this, NICE has a [database of milestone dates](https://www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/our-programmes/nice-guidance/nice-guidelines) for its clinical guideline programme. This means that you can see when consultations are scheduled in advance of the consultation starting. You can also see all the topics you might be interested in [registering as a stakeholder](http://www.nice.org.uk/get-involved/Stakeholder-Registration) for.

**Guideline**

* [**Social work for adults with complex needs**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-ng10145/consultation/html-content)

Consultation end date 18 November 2019

* **[Joint replacement (primary): hip, knee and shoulder](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-ng10084/consultation/html-content)**

Consultation end date 26 November 2019

**Quality Standard**

* [**Specialist neonatal respiratory care for babies born preterm**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-qs10137/consultation/html-content-2)

Consultation end date 11 November 2019

# Newly Published Guidance (click the links)

For the full list of last month’s guidance, please click [here.](http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/published)

| **Ref** | **Title** | **Type** |
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| NG140 | [**Abortion care**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng140) | Guidelines |
| NG141 | [**Cellulitis and erysipelas: antimicrobial prescribing**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng141) | Guidelines |
| NG142 | [**End of life care for adults: service delivery**](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng142) | Guidelines |

**News (Click the header links)**

* [**Another treatment option for ovarian cancer approved for the Cancer Drugs Fund**](https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/another-treatment-option-for-ovarian-cancer-approved-for-the-cancer-drugs-fund)

An ovarian cancer treatment, designed to help maintain the effects of chemotherapy, has been approved by NICE for use in the Cancer Drugs Fund (CDF).

* [**NICE looks to company to ensure a new treatment for advanced breast cancer with significant unmet need is cost-effective**](https://www.nice.org.uk/news/article/nice-looks-to-company-to-ensure-a-new-treatment-for-advanced-breast-cancer-with-significant-unmet-need-is-cost-effective)

Draft guidance published today (3 October 2019) by NICE does not recommend atezolizumab (also called Tecentriq and made by Roche) for treating people with a type of breast cancer called triple A breast cancer that has spread to other parts of the body and who can’t have surgery to remove it.

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[](https://www.nice.org.uk/event/maypb_2019)

**Nice Public Board meetings**

NICE board meetings take place every 2 months, all are open to the public and held in different locations across the country.

* The next board meeting is on [**Wednesday 20 November 2019,**](https://www.nice.org.uk/event/novpb_2019) Great Ormond St Hospital, Great Ormond St, London WC1N 3JH

[**Click here to register**](https://www.nice.org.uk/event/novpb_2019/Booking)

**The** [**Public Involvement Programme**](https://www.nice.org.uk/about/nice-communities/public-involvement/public-involvement-programme) **at NICE would like to invite you to our: Highly Specialised Technologies Masterclass for Patient Organisations**

**Friday 6 December 2019 – NICE, 10 Spring Gardens, London, SW1A 2BU**

Our Highly Specialised Technologies Masterclass for Patient Organisations is for patient, carer and voluntary organisations who would like to know more about how NICE assesses medicines for ultra-orphan diseases.

**This masterclass is designed specifically for rare disease groups whether you are new to NICE and Highly Specialised Technologies or have worked with us already.**

**This masterclass could be for you!**

Speakers will provide an overview on how NICE assesses Highly Specialised Technologies, and the opportunities for patient involvement. There will be a practical session on providing patient evidence through organisation submissions, including interactive exercises. We will also include a session on the current health technology assessment methods and process review. We’ll also have opportunities for questions and discussion throughout the day, plus a final Panel Q&A session.

Due to the popularity of these sessions, we will allocate places on a first come first served basis. If we have more demand for places that we can accommodate, we might need to limit places for each organisation.

The masterclasses are free. We are not able to reimburse travel or subsistence expenses. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the workshop and a sandwich lunch will be provided.

**What do I need to do?**

For further information and how to apply please contact [PIP@nice.org.uk](mailto:PIP@nice.org.uk), 0161 870 3020

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**Food on a restricted renal diet can still be hugely fun and enjoyable**

Kidney Cancer UK editor Deborah Duval’s latest blog tells us how we can enjoy food even on a restricted renal diet

If you’ve been diagnosed with kidney disease, it’s really important to eat a healthy and balanced diet to keep as well as possible. Kidney disease is often linked to high blood pressure or diabetes and that’s where a healthy and balanced diet can offer better options to keep these conditions under control.

The Kidney Kitchen reflects the vital importance NICE has placed in its [Renal replacement therapy guideline](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng107/chapter/Recommendations#diet-and-fluids) on patients being offered some choice and excitement in their diet.

Instead of focusing on what foods to avoid, we want to inspire people with kidney disease to lead better lives, to enjoy food and celebrate all the foods they can eat. Recipes on the Kidney Kitchen website include shepherd’s pie, spicy beef stir fry, salmon and coriander salad, pork burgers and even a full Christmas dinner with all the trimmings

Read the full blog [Food on a restricted renal diet can still be hugely fun and enjoyable | Blog | News | NICE](https://www.nice.org.uk/news/blog/food-on-a-restricted-renal-diet-can-still-be-hugely-fun-and-enjoyable?utm_medium=social&amp;utm_source=twitter&amp;utm_campaign=kidneycareuk&amp;fbclid=IwAR39Allea8NheqRfF8h6QB-JY2QpCH307N4r1wZYkG5e7Vhj5OZdE2nVN0M)



[](https://www.eupati.eu/)EUPATI  
Patient Expert Course

**Call for participants for Cohort 4 of the EUPATI Patient Expert Course is open now: 1 October 2019.**

The EUPATI Training Course **Patient Experts in Medicines Research & Development** is an exciting and unique opportunity offering patient advocates expert-level training in medicines research and development, specifically tailored for them.

When you have completed this course, we hope you will have the knowledge to make a meaningful contribution to the medicines research and development process to provide better medicines to patients. You will also be able to generate a broader dialogue around future patient involvement in the medicines research and development process across Europe.

The course will be a mixture of online and face-to-face education modules over a 15 month period.

The EUPATI Patient Expert Training Course has been specifically designed to meet the needs of patients and patient advocates who have the motivation and skill-set to be able to learn and apply expert-level knowledge across the whole spectrum of the medicine research and development process[**Apply here.**](http://r.email.eupati.eu/mk/cl/f/Fl_qf8vqSgXbuSwIAvzYNlM8ee_ruQyfZYi-_ObYjnNCln5i2rec8rmLbz-lafzu92BWhbhUcvynQXNjPMDUIpbNy708qpMB7Zivf3RuBsO7z9R0BUF2GPDDTqCo8MC2Wf0Th9ZqRrBiBGUdyFHEBAMVzg3HIluqSGkiT65ib6z6tsl9_yIqx6XE0iDWlQ)

Deadline for applications: **1pm, Monday 28 October 2019**

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