

Service Guidance

GUIDELINE	DOCUMENT	ORGANISATION/ COUNTRY	YEAR PUBLISHED
Breast Cancer Management	NICE Quality Standard: Breast Cancer (QS12)	National Institute for Health & Care Excellence (NICE), UK	2016
<p>Comments:</p> <p>This document by NICE provides the quality standards that underpin care of breast cancer patients in England & Wales. In Scotland the similar document Guideline 134 provides a similar function.</p>			
Management of the older patient	Updated recommendations regarding the management of older patients with breast cancer	European Society of Breast Cancer Specialists (EUSOMA) & International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG)	2021
<p>Comments:</p> <p>The European Society of Breast Cancer Specialists (EUSOMA) and The International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG) have produced a useful document outlining the evidence based management of older patients with breast cancer. It contains comprehensive sections on screening and surveillance as well as surgical management and adjuvant treatment. There is also guidance for the use of neo-adjuvant systemic treatment and endocrine therapy.</p>			
Management of the younger patient	ESO-ESMO 4th International Consensus Guidelines for Breast Cancer in Young Women	European School of Oncology & European Society of Medical Oncology	2020
<p>Comments:</p> <p>In 2020, the European School of Oncology (ESO) and the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO) published consensus and evidence based guidelines for the management of early and advanced breast cancer in young women. The guidelines are well written and comprehensively cover the important issues that need to be considered when treating young women with breast cancer such as fertility, genetics and survivorship.</p>			
Service Guidelines	Clinical Advice to Cancer Alliances for the Provision of Breast Cancer Services	Breast Cancer Clinical Expert Group	2017
<p>Comments:</p> <p>The 2017 publication from the Breast Cancer Clinical Expert Group is not a guidance document per se but instead a list of best practice recommendations to commissioners and acute trusts for a modern breast service. The publication is intended to be used to benchmark existing services.</p>			

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Service Guidelines	Improving outcomes in breast cancer (CSGI)	National Institute for Health & Care Excellence (NICE), UK	2002
Comments: Although this NICE guidance was produced some years ago, it still provides useful structure on the management of women diagnosed with breast cancer. The guidance was reviewed in 2014 and no changes were felt necessary. It will next be reviewed in 2019.			
Service Guidelines	The requirements of a specialist breast centre	European Society of Breast Cancer Specialists (EUSOMA)	2013
Comments: The European Society of Mastology have produced a list of standards expected from breast centres. Definitions and evidenced based guidance is provided. The recommendations could reasonably apply within the UK. This documentation could potentially be of benefit to members in negotiations with local managers or commissioners.			
Written Communication with patients after clinic visits	ABS Summary Statement: Writing Letters to Patients	Association of Breast Surgery, UK	2022
Comments: Following the Paterson inquiry in 2021, the Department of Health recommended that clinicians write directly to patients after clinic visits. This document offers the rationale behind this decision and offers guidance on how to integrate this method of communication into day to day practice.			

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