

Scottish Dental Clinical Effectiveness Programme (SDCEP) achieves NICE accreditation

In April this year SDCEP gained accreditation from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) for its clinical guidance process. SDCEP's is the only NICE accredited guidance process that is focused on dental healthcare.

NICE accreditation signifies independent recognition of the rigorous, high quality process that SDCEP uses to produce guidance. Users of NICE accredited guidance can have high confidence in the quality of the information provided.

SDCEP was established in 2006 and is an initiative of the National Dental Advisory Committee (NDAC) and part of NHS Education for Scotland (NES). SDCEP has produced guidance on a number of priority topics. Each guidance document is subject to wide consultation among the dental profession and those involved in dental education, for quality assurance and to ensure the guidance's applicability to primary care.

NICE accreditation is valid for five years and is applied retrospectively to SDCEP's guidance on periodontal care and anticoagulants, both of which were produced using the accredited process. Accredited guidance is highlighted and available worldwide through the NICE Evidence Search portal.

SDCEP works in close partnership with NES's Translation Research in a Dental Setting (TRiADS) collaboration, which has been crucial to the success of SDCEP's application for NICE accreditation. It is through the work of TRiADS that stakeholder views, current practice and potential barriers to implementation of guidance recommendations are identified and guidance implementation is evaluated.

TRiADS also informs, designs and tests theoretically guided interventions to promote guidance implementation. In this way, TRiADS is adding to our understanding of professional behaviour change in healthcare – informing which interventions work and in what circumstances.

SDCEP Guidance topics	
Title	Status
Management of Acute Dental Problems	published 2013
Management of Dental Patients Taking Anticoagulants or Antiplatelet Drugs	published 2015
Oral Health Management of Patients Prescribed Bisphosphonates	published 2011
Prevention and Management of Dental Caries in Children	published 2010
Conscious Sedation In Dentistry	(second edition) published 2012
Decontamination Into Practice	
Introduction and Overview	updated 2014, reviewed and extant 2016
Cleaning of Dental Instruments	2nd edition published 2014, reviewed and extant 2016
Sterilization of Dental Instruments	published 2011, reviewed and extant 2016
Managing Decontamination in Dental Practice	published 2014, reviewed and extant 2016
Drug Prescribing For Dentistry	Full Guidance (third edition) published 2016
Emergency Dental Care	published 2007, confirmed and extant 2013
Oral Health Assessment and Review	published 2012
Prevention and Treatment of Periodontal Diseases in Primary Care	published 2014
Practice Support Manual	Website launched 2010

Professor Martin Underwood, Chair of the NICE Accreditation Advisory Committee said:

"I am delighted to congratulate the programme on this achievement. The process used to produce the dental clinical guidance is systematic and transparent, with consideration of the strength of the evidence and benefits, risks and side effects."

SDCEP Director Professor Jan Clarkson said:

"We are delighted to have successfully achieved NICE accreditation. This is not only recognition of the high quality guidance that SDCEP provides to improve patient care but also testament to TRiADS' invaluable contribution to support its translation into everyday practice."

Further details of the NICE Accreditation Programme, including the final accreditation report for SDCEP, are available

at: <https://www.nice.org.uk/about/what-we-do/accreditation>

Further information about SDCEP guidance is available at: <http://www.sdcep.org.uk/>

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