

Shared decision making.

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Overview

Guideline Objective

To provide recommendations on how to make shared decision making a part of everyday care in all healthcare settings

Patient Population

Adults (aged 18 and over) using healthcare services

Recommendations

Recommendation Statements

Major interventions covered in this guideline include:

- Embedding shared decision making in organisational culture and practices, including training staff
- Use of patient decision aids
- Communication of risks, benefits, and consequences

Note: Refer to the [original guideline](#) for full recommendation statements.

Evidence Rating Scheme

Refer to the original guideline documentation for more information.

Recommendation Rating Scheme

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Related Content

Supporting Documents

- [Evidence Reviews](#); 2021 Jun 17.
 - [A: Effectiveness of Approaches and Activities to Increase Engagement in Shared Decision Making and the Barriers and Facilitators to Engagement](#); 2021 Jun 17.
 - [B: Interventions to Support Effective Shared Decision Making](#); 2021 Jun 17.
 - [C: Decision Aids for People Facing Health Treatment or Screening Decisions](#); 2021 Jun 17.
 - [D: Risk Communication](#); 2021 Jun 17.
 - [E: Effective Approaches and Activities to Normalise Shared Decision Making in the Healthcare System](#); 2021 Jun 17.
- [Developing NICE Guidelines: The Manual](#); 2014 Oct 31 (last updated 2025 Oct 23).

Implementation Tools

- [Baseline Assessment Tool](#); 2021 Jun 17.
- [Resource Impact Summary Report](#); 2021 Jul 29.
- [Standards Framework for Shared-decision-making Support Tools, including Patient Decision Aids](#); 2021 Jun 17.
- [Shared Decision Making Learning Package](#); 2021 Jun 17.
- [Shared Decision Making Underpins Good Healthcare](#); 2021 Jun 17.
- [Resource Recommendations](#); 2021 Jun 17.
- [Practical Steps to Improving the Quality of Care and Services Using NICE Guidance](#).

Patient Education

- [Information for the Public](#); 2021 Jun 17.

Note: This patient information is intended to help patients better understand their health and their diagnosed disorders. Patients and their representatives should still consult with a licensed health care professional for evaluation of treatment options as well as answers to their personal medical questions.

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TRUST Scorecard

Composition of Guideline Development Group (GDG)

Multidisciplinary GDG Members

Yes

Methodologist Involvement

Yes

Incorporation of Patient and Public Perspective



Systematic Review of Evidence

Literature Search



Study Selection



Evidence Synthesis



Foundations for Recommendations

Strength of Evidence Grade



Description of Benefits and Harms of Recommendations



Summary of Evidence Supporting Recommendations



Strength of Recommendations Rating



Clear Articulation of Recommendations



Funding Source

Yes

Disclosure and Management of Financial Conflicts of Interests



External Review



Updating

