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| **Title of Guideline** | 1) Alcohol-use disorders: Diagnosis and clinical management of alcohol-related physical complications  
2) Alcohol-use disorders: Diagnosis, assessment and management of harmful drinking and alcohol dependence |
| **Authors** | 1) National Clinical Guidelines Centre commissioned by NICE  
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| **If developed from a larger guideline please give title and web-link if possible.** | 1) Alcohol-use disorders: Diagnosis and clinical management of alcohol-related physical complications [http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG100/Guidance/pdf/English](http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG100/Guidance/pdf/English)  
| **Scope and purpose:** | **Overall objective of the guidelines** | 1) To provide guidance on the diagnosis and clinical management of alcohol-related physical complications  
2) To provide guidance on the diagnosis, assessment and management of harmful drinking and alcohol dependence in adults and in young people aged 10–17 years. |
| | **The patient group covered** | 1) Adults and young people (aged 10 years and older) who have an alcohol-use disorder and whose condition is wholly alcohol-attributable or where alcohol is a contributory cause.  
2) Adults and young people (aged 10–17 years) who drink alcohol in a way that is harmful or who are dependent on alcohol |
| | **Target audience** | Health professionals providing care for the groups outline above |
| | **Clinical areas covered** | 1) Acute alcohol withdrawal including admission to hospital and treatment of acute alcohol withdrawal (unplanned), management of delirium tremens, alcohol withdrawal seizures, assessment and monitoring of acute alcohol withdrawal, Wernicke’s encephalopathy, alcohol-related liver disease, referral for consideration of liver transplantation, alcohol-related hepatitis, alcohol-related pancreatitis  
2) Experience of care, organisation of care, assessment of harmful drinking and alcohol dependence, determining the appropriate setting for the delivery of effective care, psychological and psychosocial interventions, pharmacological interventions |
| **Stakeholder involvement:** | **The Guideline Development** | Alcohol-use disorders: Diagnosis and clinical management of alcohol-related physical complications  
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| Rigour of development | Evidence gathering | 1) Details of the literature search can be found in the full guideline p8-9. See http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG100/Guidance/pdf/English  
2) Details of the search strategies can be found at http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG115/Guidance/Appendices |
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See http://www.nice.org.uk/aboutnice/howwework/developingniceclinicalguidelines/clinical_guideline_development_methods.jsp |
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<td>NICE has a dedicated implementation team which helps to disseminate the guidelines to appropriate audiences and provide tools to help out the guidelines into practice. The tools developed for each guideline including cost tools, such as the national cost reports and costing spreadsheet that allow assessment of how the guidance will affect local budgets; audit criteria and support; and a slide set containing key messages from the guideline that can be tailored for local use. Tools for the guidance reported here can be found at <a href="http://www.nice.org.uk/usingguidance/implementationtools/implementation_tools.jsp">http://www.nice.org.uk/usingguidance/implementationtools/implementation_tools.jsp</a></td>
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