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National
Audit of
Breast Cancer
in Older Patients

Launch of the National Audit of Breast Cancer in Older Patients (NABCOP)

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What is the National Audit of Breast Cancer in Older Patients (NABCOP)?

NABCOP is a clinical audit that will evaluate the quality of care provided to older women by NHS breast cancer services in England and Wales. We started work in April 2016 and the project will initially run for three years.

NABCOP is run by the Association of Breast Surgery (ABS) and the Clinical Effectiveness Unit (CEU) of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCS). Day to day running of NABCOP is managed by a Project Team at the CEU.

We are commissioned by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) as part of the National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme. All NHS healthcare providers are expected to participate in NABCOP.



What does NABCOP aim to achieve?

1. Evaluate the quality of breast cancer services in England and Wales.
2. Refine methodological approaches to assessing cancer services.
3. Provide comparative measures of breast cancer care for local and national quality improvement.

Which patients are included in NABCOP?

This audit includes all women aged 50 years or older who received breast cancer care in NHS hospitals within England and Wales from 2014 onwards.

What data are being collected?

NABCOP will not directly 'collect' patient data. We will use existing sources of patient data collected by national organisations, such as the National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service (NCRAS) in England and the Cancer Network Information System Cymru (CANISC) in Wales. It is therefore important that all registration submissions are complete.

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Key dates

October 2016

- Piloting of organisational survey and case vignettes
- **Trusts to prepare for online roll out of survey and vignettes**

November 2016

- Roll out of online organisational survey and case vignettes
- Finalise data specification for patient audit
- **Trusts to complete online survey and vignettes**
- **Trusts to provide updated contact details, where necessary**

Early 2017

- First annual report publication

