

eNewsletter

National Audit of Breast Cancer in Older Patients (NABCOP) - First Steps

This clinical audit – launched in April 2016 – will evaluate the quality of care provided to older women by NHS breast cancer services in England and Wales. It will do this by using 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.

All NHS healthcare providers are expected to participate in HQIP-funded projects within the [National Clinical Audit and Patient Outcomes Programme](#). NABCOP is one of these projects.

The first steps of this NABCOP project are to understand:

1. The organisation of breast cancer care in your hospital Trust or Health Board.
2. The patient factors that are most important to MDTs in deciding which treatment options to offer older patients with breast cancer.

Understanding the organisation of breast cancer care in your hospital Trust or Health Board

We are investigating this using an online Organisational Survey to be completed by the breast cancer MDT clinical lead in your Trust/Health Board – https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/nabcop_orgsurvey

Only one survey should be completed per Trust. The deadline is **Tuesday 13 December**.

Understanding patient factors of importance in treatment decisions for older patients with breast cancer

We are investigating this using five online case vignettes, to be completed by the breast cancer MDT clinical lead in your Trust/Health Board – https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/nabcop_vignettes

Only one set of vignettes should be completed per Trust. The deadline is **Tuesday 13 December**.

If you have any questions about NABCOP, or problems with the online organisational survey or case vignettes, please contact us using the details below.

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Key dates

December 2016

- Finalise data specification for patient audit.
- **Trusts to complete online organisational survey and case vignettes by Tuesday 13 December 2016.**
- **Trusts to provide updated contact details, where necessary.**

Early 2017

- First annual report publication.



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