

NICE Clinical Knowledge Summaries (CKS)

<http://cks.nice.org.uk/>

Procurement of the new service

- Old CKS contract came to NICE with National Library for Health (NLH)
- Procurement of new service in spring / summer 2012
- New budget for the new service
 - NICE made significant savings
 - New service incorporates interface and technical infrastructure provided by NICE
 - New service scope is different in comparison to original CKS
 - NICE now lead on communications activity

Overview of the new service

- Awarded to Clarity Informatics in September 2012, sister company of SCHIN, the original CKS providers
- Clarity is a NICE Accredited information provider
- The focus of NICE CKS is to:
 - “provide primary care practitioners with a readily accessible summary of the current evidence base and practical guidance on best practice in respect of over 300 common and/or significant primary care presentations”*
- NICE CKS can be found at: <http://cks.nice.org.uk/>

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Scope for new service

- A different service to the previous CKS offer
- Clarity were required to update the existing 333 CKS topics following an agreed update process
- Clarity are also commissioned to produce up to 10 new standard topics per year but the process needs to allow for flexibility
- Topic production and update process follow robust principles which adhere to NICE Accreditation criterion.

Content production methodology

- Clarity have a team of dedicated Information Specialists who provide expert search and horizon scanning processes; and a team of medical authors and editors, many of whom are practising nurses and GPs.
- Searches are conducted in accordance with the CKS topic development schedule and also alert Clarity to any significant changes in the evidence base.
- Search strategies used are available under the CKS topics

Content production methodology

- Clarity content is written and developed by a team of clinical authors who follow in-house writing guidelines. All topics are reviewed by external stakeholders
- The Clarity editorial board then review each topic to ensure that it complies with house standards before they approve the topic for release.

Creation of new topics

- Topics to be developed have been agreed with the CKS topic development group, membership of which consists of NICE and Clarity staff.
- New topics for 2014/15 have been decided which will see content produced up to the end of the current contract in September 2015
- Sources to inform topic development:
 - NICE primary care / public health guidance in development
 - EBM mailing list
 - BMJ 'easily missed series'
 - RCGPs curriculum

Creation of new topics – selection criteria

- Criteria for selection of potential topics included:
 - Does the topic add value to Primary Care?
 - Is the topic timely or topical ?
 - Does the topic address a known prescribing issue?
 - Is the presentation common, or rare but significant?
 - Does the topic address a safety issue or risk of error?
 - Will the topic output address the problem?
 - Is it possible to develop a clear scope with specific clinical questions?

Topic update process

- Clarity currently work to a 5 year update cycle
- Various triggers can however instigate an earlier update:
 - Important changes to practice / updated guidance
 - Directive from DH
 - Withdrawal of drugs / amendment to drug advice
 - Notification from NICE or end users about any discrepancies with the content.
- Clarity produce new and updated topics in response to NICE Guidance creation and update cycle changes where appropriate. This process has recently been amended to more closely follow the NICE Guidance release dates

Topic content

- All NICE CKS content has now been updated to the new CKS format from the old CKS format.
- Clarity will update in the region of 65 topics per annum
- Topic updates can be minor or major.
- Where controversies exist, CKS will present the evidence available. The end decision rests with the clinician.
- CKS Evidence Summaries provide both foreground and background knowledge for primary care staff.

New NICE CKS

- Launched by NICE on 8th April 2013
- Clarity deliver a monthly update data feed to NICE
- New site available at: <http://cks.nice.org.uk>
- Previous URL redirects to new site

New NICE CKS

- Website is created and hosted by Evidence Resources IM & T
- Users can search via A-Z 'pad' for clinical topics



New NICE CKS

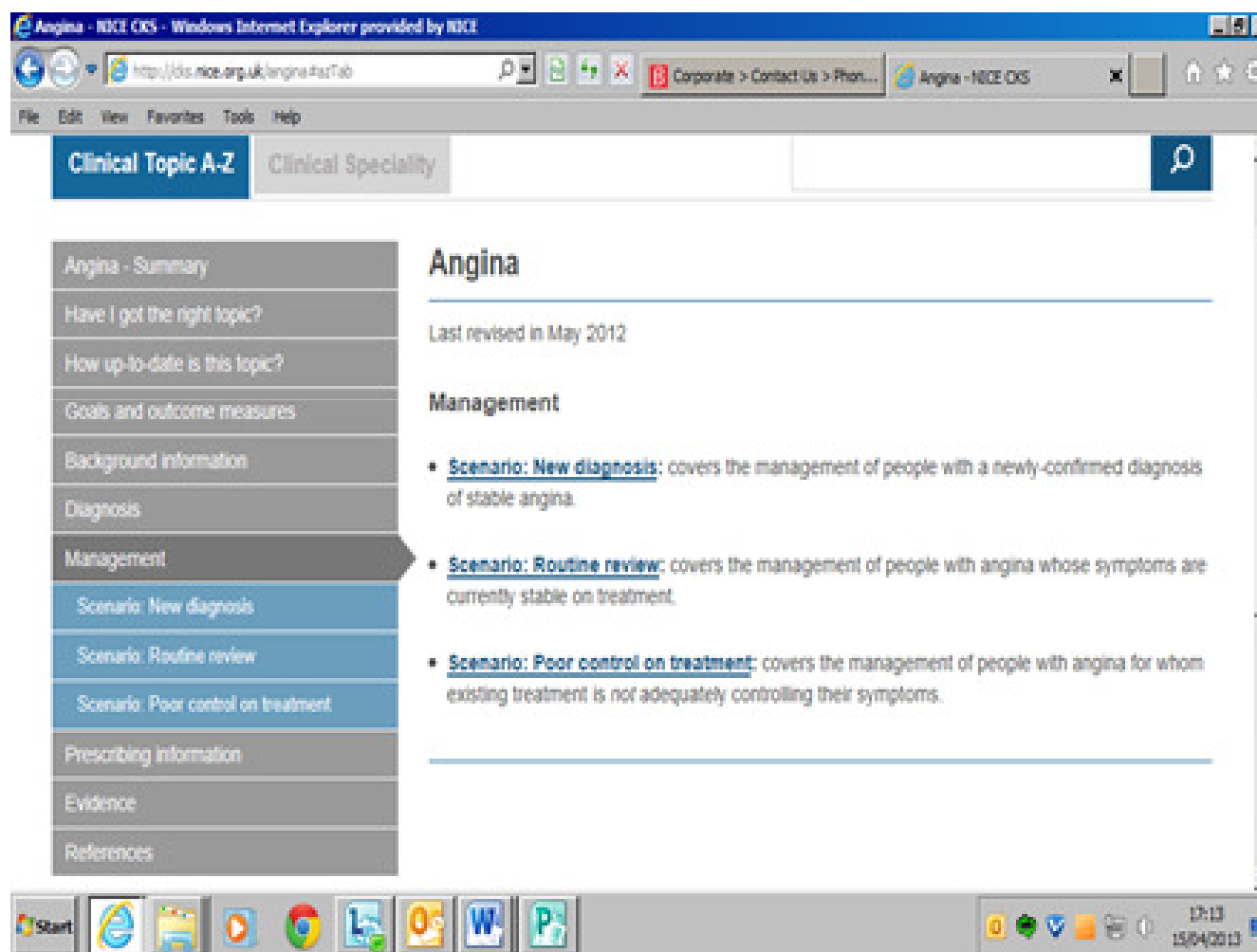
- Alternatively, users can search by clinical speciality or by using the keyword search facility



New NICE CKS - content

- All topics have the same layout and topic sections
- The landing page for any topic is on the Management section.
- Any sub headings are highlighted in blue under the main heading in the menu; in the case of the Management section, the various topic Scenarios are listed in blue.
- Clicking on a Scenario displays the topic sections available.

New NICE CKS - content




Site improvements following user feedback


- A – Z listing reordered
- Search function improved

Communications





- News item in NICE's Primary Care Update
- Frequent item in Library Update covering new and updated CKS topics
- NICE have looked at strengthening the visibility of the CKS service through all other NICE corporate communications, and where appropriate, including using social networks

Positive feedback

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