

**DISSEMINATING EVIDENCE  
BASED INFORMATION**

**The UK experience**

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# NHS STRUCTURES

- NIHR Health Technology Assessment
- National Institute for Clinical Effectiveness
- National Treatment Agency
- Clinical Guidelines for the management of Drug Dependence

# NICE

- NICE produces guidance in three areas of health:
- public health - guidance on the promotion of good health and the prevention of ill health for those working in the NHS, local authorities and the wider public and voluntary sector
- health technologies - guidance on the use of new and existing medicines, treatments and procedures within the NHS
- clinical practice - guidance on the appropriate treatment and care of people with specific diseases and conditions within the NHS.

# NICE

Decision making process

Incorporates Cochrane Evidence Base

Conducts on metanalysis

Becomes more complex as areas of review  
broaden,

Major controversies, on oncology care and  
dementiae care.

# Clinical Guidelines for the Management of Drug Dependence

- Revised and updated using evidence base and feeding in from NICE reviews
- Looking at
- Detoxification
- Maintenance Methadone Buprenorphine
- Naltrexone
- Psychosocial Interventions