



Dear Colleague,

Support for meeting NICE guidance on insulin pump therapy

NICE guidance on the use of insulin pump therapy for the treatment of diabetes mellitus was updated in 2008 and it recommended that children under 12 should be offered insulin pump therapy if treatment with Multiple Daily Injections (MDI) is not practical or considered appropriate. It also recommended that insulin pump therapy should now be considered a treatment option for people with type 1 diabetes over the age of 12, where attempts to achieve target HbA1c levels on MDI result in disabling hypoglycaemia, or HbA1c levels remain high despite a high level of care on MDI therapy.¹

Patients in your clinic who meet these criteria should be offered insulin pump therapy if they would like it.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, patient advocacy group INPUT and Diabetes UK would like to draw your attention to a **'How to Why to Guide' on Insulin Pump Therapy**, which has been produced by the **NHS Technology Adoption Centre**.

The guide has been created to support clinics that do not yet offer pump therapy and have patients who meet NICE criteria, or are likely to do so in the future. It is a comprehensive resource of information for clinicians, healthcare professionals and managers that shows, step by step, how to set up and run an insulin pump service. The guide also includes a **costing model** and **business case template** which can be used to help secure funding.

The guide can be found at www.howtowhyto.nhs.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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¹ NICE Guidance, TA151 Diabetes - insulin pump therapy, 2008