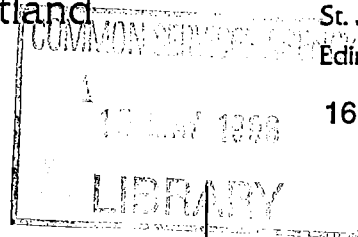




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Dear Colleague

CLINICAL OUTCOME INDICATORS REPORT 1995

Summary

1. This report continues the work initiated in 1992 on outcome indicators in selected areas of care in the NHS in Scotland. 16 of the 17 indicators published in 1994 are updated and standardisation for co-morbidity and deprivation has been introduced wherever possible. The indicator that has been dropped is the incidence of measles.

Action

2. Purchasers and providers are again asked to consider the indicators critically and to identify any areas in which improvements may be possible. The Clinical Outcomes Working Group will be continuing work on new outcome indicators and developing sources of good quality clinical information.

3. Health Boards are requested to circulate the report to GP Fundholders within their area.

Use of Outcome Indicators

4. Specific attention is drawn to the care with which these indicators need to be interpreted in the light of all local circumstances. They should not be used as the basis of inappropriate or premature conclusions about which Health Boards or which hospitals provide the best health care.

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