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NICE Quality Standards Consultation – Head Injury

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List of quality statements: Statement 3	Although the published evidence is only available for warfarin we would prefer to see the text changed to 'Children and adults with a head injury who are receiving anticoagulants have a CT scan within 8 hours of the injury,'
List of quality statements: Statement 4	We would like to see the statement strengthened to read 'have access to specialist treatment through ongoing liaison with or transfer to their regional neuroscience unit.' There remain examples where critically ill patients are transferred outside their region due to lack of bed availability despite national recommendations (Society of British Neurosurgeons) that emergency treatment is carried out at the regional neuroscience centre and then transfer undertaken as necessary. This leads to delay in access of definitive treatment for patients, increased travel for families and also impacts on service delivery in the transferring hospital where staff are often required to seek beds at an alternative centre and facilitate the transfer.
List of quality statements: Statement 5	There is no indicator of the time-frame within which this assessment should be made. Many patients with moderate and severe head injury have prolonged admissions in intensive care and acute ward beds due to delays in timely access to assessment. As such we would also support measurement of time to assessment..
List of quality statements::	We would recommend removal of the word 'community'. Although we strongly support the requirement for rehabilitation, this should be from specialist through to community based rehabilitation, dependent solely on patient need. Many patients

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Statement 6	with moderate and severe head injury have prolonged admissions in intensive care and acute ward beds due to delays in timely access to appropriate rehabilitation. As such we would also support measurement of time to access of appropriate rehabilitation.
Quality statement 1	Quality measure should also include time to report for the CT scan. Delays in reporting contribute to delays in access to definitive care including appropriate discharge from hospital.
Quality statement 2	Quality measure should also include time to report for the CT scan. Delays in reporting contribute to delays in access to definitive care including appropriate discharge from hospital.

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