

National Diabetes Inpatient Audit (NaDIA)



What is NaDIA?

Your hospital is taking part in an important project called the National Diabetes Inpatient Audit (NaDIA). The NaDIA project checks that people with diabetes are being provided with good diabetes care when they stay in hospital.

NaDIA collects information about inpatients with diabetes on one day during one specific week each year.

The information that is collected will help your hospital know if they need to improve the diabetes care that is provided to their patients.

NaDIA is managed by NHS Digital, working in collaboration with Diabetes UK. Expert help is also provided by clinical teams across England and Wales.

How is information collected?

Each year, during NaDIA survey week, hospitals collect information about diabetes care in three ways:

1. Each hospital fills in a form to provide information, including size of hospital, number of patients with diabetes currently staying and the number of specialist staff.
2. A member of staff visits each patient with diabetes and asks them if their details can be used for the audit. This information is taken from bedside charts – patients aren't expected to recall the details of their care.
3. Each patient, who is fit and able, is invited to complete a questionnaire about their personal experience of diabetes care while they have been in hospital.



How does NaDIA keep patients' data safe?

Once the audit is complete, each hospital sends the completed forms to NHS Digital, where the information is entered into a secure computer system for analysis.

NHS Digital has a special legal permission to handle individual patient data for clinical audits. They are required to keep to very strict security and confidentiality standards and work within the laws on the protection of personal data.

What information is collected?

All the forms are anonymous and do not include your name and address. However, the information collected from bedside charts does include your age, gender and ethnicity.

Only information that is relevant to your diabetes care is collected; for example, your diabetes type, the diabetes medication you take, whether you have been seen by a diabetes specialist.

NaDIA does not collect information on any care that does not relate to your diabetes.

NaDIA is not a research project and no extra blood tests, appointments or scans are necessary.

How is the information used?

The information that NaDIA collects is used to provide each hospital with a report about the care they provide to their inpatients with diabetes. The reports also show how each hospital compares to other hospitals in England and Wales. This information helps hospitals to see where they need to improve the care they provide to inpatients with diabetes.

Local and national reports are published each year on the NHS Digital website. Hospitals may also keep copies of the completed forms, so they can look at the standard of care they provide in detail.

Under certain circumstances, the information collected through NaDIA may also be used for research projects. However, the information will only be shared with other researchers if their project is:

- Formally authorised through the usual strict ethical approval process for research
- Related to improving the care of people with diabetes



Saying 'no thanks'

Participation in NaDIA will ensure the audit results provide information on everyone's experiences of care. However, you can choose not to be included in the audit by telling a member of staff carrying out the audit on the day. In this way, none of your information will be collected. This will not affect your care in any way.

Further information

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