



## Summary of NICE Guidelines

Title	Endoscopic radiofrequency therapy of the anal sphincter for faecal incontinence
NICE Reference	IPG393
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Summary of Guidance (Max 250 words)	<p>There is evidence for the efficacy of this therapy in the short term, but in a limited number of patients.</p> <p>Clinicians wishing to undertake this therapy should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Inform the clinical governance leads in their Trusts.</li><li>▪ Ensure that patients and their carers understand the uncertainty about the procedure's efficacy and provide them with clear written information.</li><li>▪ Audit and review clinical outcomes of all patients having undergone this therapy.</li></ul> <p>The procedure should only be carried out in units specializing in the assessment and treatment of faecal incontinence.</p> <p>Further research into this therapy should clearly define the patient groups been treated. The clinical impact in terms of quality of life and long term outcomes should also be reported.</p>
Impact on Lab (See below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
Lab professionals to be made aware	<input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Pathologist <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Scientist <input type="checkbox"/> Biomedical Scientist
Please detail the impact of this guideline (Max 150 words)	The biochemistry/blood sciences laboratories are not involved in the monitoring of these patients, according to the current guidance, therefore the implementation of this therapy has no impact on the laboratories.

### Impact on Lab

- None:** This NICE guideline has no impact on the provision of laboratory services
- Moderate:** This NICE guideline has information that is of relevance to our pathology service and may require review of our current service provision.
- Important:** This NICE guideline is of direct relevance to our pathology service and will have a direct impact on one or more of the services that we currently offer.