

Consultation on draft guideline – deadline for comments 5pm on Wednesday 10th September email: waterbirth@nice.org.uk

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	<p>Please read the checklist above before submitting comments. We cannot accept forms that are not filled in correctly.</p> <p>We would like to hear your views on the draft recommendations presented in the guideline, and any comments you may have on the rationale and impact sections in the guideline and the evidence presented in the evidence reviews documents. We would also welcome views on the Equality Impact Assessment.</p> <p>In addition to your comments below on our guideline documents, we would like to hear your views on these questions. Please include your answers to these questions with your comments in the table below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would it be challenging to implement of any of the draft recommendations? Please say why and for whom. Please include any suggestions that could help users overcome these challenges (for example, existing practical resources or national initiatives). 2. Would implementation of any of the draft recommendations have significant cost implications? 3. Are there any equalities or health inequalities considerations related to the draft recommendation that we should be aware of, for example, barriers to accessing water birth that the guideline does not address? <p>See Developing NICE guidance: how to get involved for suggestions of general points to think about when commenting.</p>
<p>Organisation name (if you are responding as an individual rather than a registered stakeholder please specify).</p>	<p>[AIMS (Association for Improvements in the Maternity Services)]</p>
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<p>Confidential comments (Do any of your comments contain confidential information?)</p>	<p>No [please delete as applicable]</p>

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Comment number	Document [e.g. guideline, evidence review A, B, C etc., methods, EIA]	Page number 'General' for comments on whole document	Line number 'General' for comments on whole document	Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insert each comment in a new row. • Do not paste other tables into this table, because your comments could get lost – type directly into this table. • Include section or recommendation number in this column.
1	Guideline	003	11 - 20	In order to make an informed decision, women need information about the actual risks, rather than being told that a risk is 'higher' or 'lower' in one situation compared with another. We suggest adding a table giving the actual risk figures, as has been done in a number of other NICE guidelines.
2	Guideline	003	11-20	It would be helpful to precede this list with a statement that women should be informed “that water birth appears to be at least as safe as birth outside of water”(as stated in the comments ‘Why the committee made the recommendation’)
3	Guideline	003	11 - 20	We think it would be clearer to list the three lower risks in order of the most significant, followed by the possible increase in the risk of the cord snapping.
4	Guideline	003	16	As this could sound alarming to parents we suggest adding that women should be informed that “ there was no associated increase in the risk of the baby dying or requiring a blood transfusion” if the cord snaps.
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