



### **National Clinical Guidelines – Disclaimer**

The NCEC and Guideline Development Group's expectation is that healthcare staff will use clinical judgement, medical, nursing and midwifery knowledge in applying the general principles and recommendations contained in National Clinical Guidelines.

Recommendations may not be appropriate in all circumstances and the decision to adopt specific recommendations should be made by the practitioner taking into account the individual circumstances presented by each patient/resident and available resources. The National Clinical Guideline recommendations do not replace or remove clinical judgement or the professional care and duty necessary for each specific patient case. Therapeutic options should be discussed with senior clinical staff on a case-by-case basis as necessary.