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UKTS launches the 4th Edition (2023) of their “Standards for the Clinical Care of Treatment of Children and Adults living with Thalassaemia in the United Kingdom”.

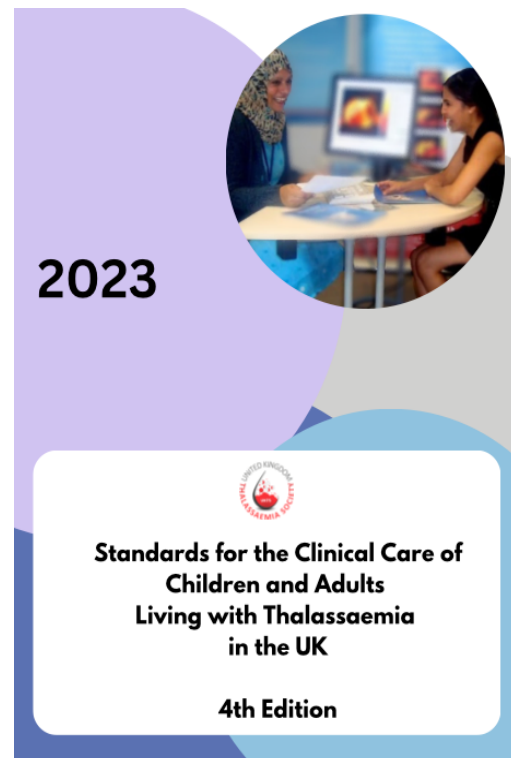
The United Kingdom Thalassaemia Society (UKTS) is thrilled to announce the launch of the highly anticipated 4th Edition (2023) of their **“Standards for the Clinical Care of Treatment of Children and Adults living with Thalassaemia in the United Kingdom.”** This comprehensive publication sets the benchmark for thalassaemia care in the UK and aims to enhance the quality of life for individuals living with this condition.

Thalassaemia is a genetic blood disorder that affects the production of haemoglobin, resulting in severe chronic anaemia and other serious complications. The UKTS has been at the forefront of supporting those affected by thalassaemia and advocating for improved care and treatment options. The release of the 4th Edition of the treatment standards marks a significant milestone in the organisation's ongoing efforts to raise standards and improve patient outcomes.

The journey leading up to the publication of this edition has been an intense and collaborative effort, involving specialist

health care professionals, researchers, and policy makers from around the United Kingdom. **The clinical editors: Dr. Farrukh Shah and Dr. Shivan Pancham**, who have played a pivotal role in shaping the content, have demonstrated exceptional dedication, perseverance, and commitment throughout the process.

*Romaine Maharaj, UKTS Executive Director said **“We are immensely proud to unveil the 4th Edition of our treatment standards. This publication represents years of research, expertise, and collaboration, and we believe it will have a profound impact on thalassaemia care in the UK. The standards outlined in this edition will serve as a guiding light for healthcare professionals, ensuring that individuals with thalassaemia receive the highest level of care and support at every stage of their journey throughout the United Kingdom.”***



The 4th Edition of the treatment standards covers a wide range of key areas, including diagnosis, treatment protocols, transfusion therapy, iron chelation, and psychosocial support. It incorporates the latest advancements in medical and nursing

knowledge and reflects the best practices in thalassaemia care.

The UKTS is also delighted to highlight that for the first time, they have successfully incorporated a diverse group of authors and contributors from across the United Kingdom, ensuring a broader representation and preventing a London-centric approach. This collaborative effort has brought together a new network of specialists, fostering consistency in thalassaemia care throughout the nation.

The UKTS extends its deepest gratitude to the clinical editors and the writing group for their tireless efforts in shaping this edition. Their commitment, despite the challenges faced, has been instrumental in creating a comprehensive resource that will undoubtedly benefit countless individuals living with thalassaemia.

Healthcare professionals, researchers, policy makers and individuals/ families affected by thalassaemia are encouraged to access the 4th Edition of the treatment standards to stay informed about the latest advancements in care and treatment. The publication will be available on the UKTS website [<https://ukts.org/3d-flip-book/standards-for-the-clinical-care-of-children-and-adults-living-with-thalassaemia-in-the-uk-4th-edition-2023/>] and can be accessed free of charge. Printed copies will be available in 2024.

For more information about the 4th Edition of the "***Standards for the Clinical Care of Treatment of Children and Adults living with Thalassaemia in the United Kingdom***" or to schedule an interview with a UKTS representative, please contact:

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About the United Kingdom Thalassaemia Society (UKTS):

The United Kingdom Thalassaemia Society (UKTS) is a national charity dedicated to supporting individuals, families affected by thalassaemia and health care professionals working in the field. Established in 1978, the UKTS provides a range of services, including information resources, emotional support, education, advocacy, policy change and community engagement. The organisation works collaboratively with healthcare professionals, researchers, and policymakers to improve the quality of care and treatment options for individuals living with thalassaemia in the United Kingdom.

The costs associated with the development of these standards were incurred by the United Kingdom Thalassaemia Society.

If you would like to make a donation to the society, please go to www.ukts.org