

## **NEW EUROPEAN AESTHETICS SURGERY SERVICES STANDARD: DRAFT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public consultation process for the European standard for Aesthetics Surgery Services, EN 16372, is open for a four-month period. The standard covers a very wide range of treatment modalities, from laser to non laser treatments.

The British Standards Institution (BSI) is leading the consultation process in the UK and interested parties from the Aesthetics Surgery industry can register their comments online at <http://drafts.bsigroup.com> from 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

The purpose of the consultation process for EN 16372 is to develop a European best practice standard for surgeons, doctors and nurses in private healthcare facilities offering aesthetic procedures to change physical appearance.

The standard aims to define the requirements for the quality for the aesthetic surgery service offered in order to ensure patient safety and other factors which influence the overall quality of service included such as staff behaviour and facility design.

This European standard is designed to help clinics who adopt it to:

- Improve their services by enhancing patient safety and avoid the risk of complications
- Avoid patient criticism about poor service
- Ensure patients are clearly communicated to and each procedure is clearly explained including the risks
- Have the right facilities for the procedures offered
- Keep and maintain patient records
- Selection process of products and suppliers
- Effective and timely post-procedure check-up process

The public consultation in the UK will run until 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 and once the process is finalized, EN 16372 will be applicable to any organisation working with the Aesthetic Surgery industry. The final version of the standard is expected to be published in the first half of 2013.

To review and comment on the draft standard, use the process:

- <http://drafts.bsigroup.com/>
- Search on either: "Aesthetics surgery services" or the draft standard number: prEN 16372
- This will take you through to a "Draft details" option.
- You will then be asked to register with the site.
- After that you can make comments on a clause by clause basis.

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