

## QI&CPD Program requirements 2011 – 2013 triennium

There are no changes to GP requirements for the 2011-2013 triennium and the education framework remains the same.

A minimum of 130 points for the triennium includes:  
**two Category 1 activities** and **a basic CPR course**

### CATEGORY 1 OPTIONS

#### Quality Improvement Activities

**Clinical Audit** (40 points)

**Rapid PDSA Cycle/s** (40 points)

#### Other Category 1 options

**Active Learning Module** (40 points)

- Individual GP ALM
- Peer review journal ALM
- Examiner training ALM
- Teaching medical students ALM
- Supervising registrars/PGPPP ALM
- Accredited Activity Provider ALM

**Small Group Learning** (40 points)

**Evidence Based Medicine Journal Clubs**  
(40 points)

**Supervised Clinical Attachment** (40 points)

**GP research** (40 points)

- Principal investigator
- GP research participant

**Higher education relevant to general practice**  
(Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) accredited)

- Certificate courses (60 points)
- Diploma courses (90 points)
- Masters degree (120 points)
- PhD (150 points)

**RACGP Assessment (150 points)**

- FRACGP by examination
- FRACGP by practice based assessment
- FARGP

### CATEGORY 2 OPTIONS

#### Basic CPR course (5 points)

Must meet Australian Resuscitation Council (ARC) guidelines

May be completed as part of a Category 1 activity

#### Accredited Activity Provider Category 2 activities

(Each activity is capped to a maximum of 30 points)

### SELF RECORDED ACTIVITIES

Capped at 20 points for the triennium and claimable when 10 hours of activities have been completed

## Quality review – get involved and improve the quality of your learning

All QI&CPD accredited activities are subject to a quality review process to ensure that education delivered to GPs is of high quality, integrity and upholds the standards of the RACGP. General practitioners can support the quality of education delivered around the country by providing feedback about the activities they attend.

All GPs will receive an adverse feedback form at all accredited activities to be able to provide feedback to the QI&CPD Program if there are any concerns about the quality or conduct of accredited activities.

## CPD for practice team members – practice managers and practice nurses

The RACGP supports and promotes a whole of practice team approach to ongoing CPD and continuous quality improvement activities.

The RACGP is committed to providing GPs, allied health professionals, practice staff and essential members of the practice team with opportunities to share learning experiences and to engage in the continuous quality improvement process. The RACGP QI&CPD Program, the Australian Practice Nurses Association and the Australian Association of Practice Managers have been working collaboratively to ensure practice nurses and practice managers who participate in RACGP accredited activities receive appropriate recognition within their own professional CPD programs.

Take your activity to your respective CPD program to claim your points.

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## QI&CPD Program

Quality Improvement & Continuing Professional  
Development Program 2011–2013 triennium

### Information guide



## Change for the better

### Progressing quality care through professional development

The success of the internationally recognised RACGP continuing professional development program is due to the central role of the general practice profession in its design, development and ongoing review.

As well as streamlining the program administration for participants, the new triennium will focus on quality improvement activities in continuing professional development.

Professional advice and a growing body of evidence demonstrates that quality improvement activities lead to practices changing for the better, particularly when it involves a whole of practice team approach. The change to the name of the program to the Quality Improvement & Continuing Professional Development (QI&CPD) Program directly reflects a continuing commitment to an emphasis on quality improvement.

## From Quality Improvement to CPD — 'get it right, for the right people every time'

Quality Improvement (QI) in general practice is an organised and continuous activity that assesses and evaluates health services to improve practice processes and quality of care. Category 1 QI activities already part of the QI&CPD program include Rapid 'Plan Do Study Act' (PDSA) Cycles, which was introduced last triennium and Clinical Audit, which has been part of the program in one form or another since the program began.

Effectiveness, efficiency, safety, acceptability, access, equity and relevance are just some areas quality in practice can be improved, which is an integral part of quality primary healthcare delivery. GPs, practice team members and/or other healthcare professionals can all influence quality improvement by applying:

- an individual focus – aims to improve a GP's personal performance, knowledge and skills
- a practice focus QI activity – aims to improve the practice's capabilities and capacity to deliver on quality patient care.

Refer to the QI&CPD Program online handbook for more information and examples.

## All your QI&CPD needs at your fingertips

The new online GP activity notification system for PDSA Cycles and individual GP Active Learning Modules (ALMs) will make claiming CPD points easier with less paperwork. As each GP, practice team and practice setting is different, so too are the learning needs and challenges faced within the primary care team. The GP online notification system enables learning and development specific to individual needs, as well as activities completed in daily practice, to be recognised for QI&CPD points without leaving your chair.

There is also a new look website that comes with a number of improvements including:

- QI&CPD accredited activities calendar – all accredited activities will be listed in the calendar and **'if you can't see it, it's not accredited'**
- tools and resources – updated online support tools are available to help GPs and practices identify problems and collect data to improve quality of care.

## Why Quality Improvement (QI)?

Based on professional consultation and international evidence, the RACGP is moving towards an aligned strategy, encouraging QI initiatives in general practice. The RACGP *Standards for general practices* recommend 'practices to engage in QI activities reviewing structures, systems and processes to identify opportunities to make changes that will increase quality and safety for patients'. The QI&CPD Program, under the Education Directorate, is also shifting focus toward a quality improvement model.



The RACGP QI&CPD Program for the 2011-2013 triennium aims to assist Australian GPs to maintain and improve the quality of care they provide to patients and promote care to the community of the highest possible standard.

## Objectives

- provide GPs with opportunities and support to participate in quality improvement activities that lead to improved health outcomes to patients and the community
- embed the concept and value of QI into general practice
- assist and encourage GPs to fulfill their personal and vocational continual professional development needs
- credit GP involvement in QI&CPD
- evaluate the effectiveness of the QI&CPD Program
- ensure the delivery of effective QI&CPD activities
- promote the attributes of the QI&CPD Program to GPs and relevant stakeholders.