

CLINICAL AUDIT – MEASURING AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES

Description and purpose

This is a quality improvement process that includes review of a doctors' everyday work and resultant patient/health outcomes. The doctor can then analyse, reflect on and use the information gathered to develop their practice and identify professional development needs with a view to improving patient care and health outcomes.

CPD Requirements

Doctors are required to complete one clinical audit annually. As part of the RNZCUC triennium, clinical audits may be submitted early in the triennium and 'carried over' into subsequent years within that same triennium. Thus a doctor who submits all three clinical audits in the first year of their triennium is not required (for recertification purposes) to complete clinical audit(s) in year two or three. The converse does not apply. Doctors are not permitted to defer the submission of clinical audits to the final year of their triennium.

Use ePortfolio to maintain a record of your audit activities. Remember to load supporting documentation. We recommend keeping a copy safe.

Clinical Notes Audit (CNA)

Registrars are to complete one within three months of commencing the training programme. Thereafter, Fellows and registrars are to complete a CNA every three years (unless granted dispensation). CNAs that are undertaken by an employer are acceptable providing they meet the detailed requirements here: ([link to CNA requirements here](#)).

RNZCUC acknowledges our members work in a range of different clinical environments where the CNA in its current form may not be easily transferred – these doctors may apply to the Director of Professional Standards with a plan to adapt or modify the CNA to suit their environment while meeting the requirements for peer reviewed notes audit.

Multisource Feedback Survey (MSFS) (NEW per mcnz – replaces the current PSS needs more work/thinking and development – how would this be done??does bpac have a platform to support this? They do one for inpractice so I imagine could assist us?)

Registrars are to complete one within twelve months of commencing the training programme. Fellows and registrars are to complete a MSFS every three years.

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Optional Clinical audit

One every three years. There are several pre-approved 'optional' audits (**NB we'll need to develop a whole lot more audits + blank template for generic audit reporting – see appendix**).

Alternatively, Doctors may submit an audit of their choosing. This may be an audit of the Doctor's own practice or an audit of the healthcare team, providing it adheres to the requirements.