Supplementary Material

General practice accreditation – does time spent on-site matter?

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Table S1. Comparison between $\mathbf{4}^{\text{th}}$ and $\mathbf{5}^{\text{th}}$ edition standards

5 th Edition indicator	4 th Edition indicator
Core (C) Standard 1 – Con	nmunication and patient participation
C1.1 A	1.2.1 A
Our patients can access up-to-date information about	Our practice information sheet is available to patients
the practice. At a minimum, this information contains:	and is accurate and contains at a minimum:
 our practice's address and telephone numbers our consulting hours and details of arrangements for care outside normal opening hours our practice's billing principles a list of our practitioners our practice's communication policy, including when and how we receive and return telephone calls and electronic communications our practice's policy for managing patient health information (or its principles and how full details can be obtained from the practice) how to provide feedback or make a complaint to the practice details on the range of services we provide. 	 our practice address and telephone numbers our consulting hours and arrangements for care outside our practice's normal opening hours, including a contact telephone number our practice's billing principles our practice's communication policy, including receiving and returning telephone calls and electronic communication our practice's policy for the management of patient health information (or its principles and how full details can be obtained from the practice) the process for the follow up of results how to provide feedback or make a complaint to the practice including contact details of the local state or territory health complaints conciliation body 1.2.1 B Our practice team can demonstrate how we communicate essential information to patients who are unable to understand our practice information sheet. 1.2.1 C If our practice has a website, the information is accurate and contains at a minimum the information included in our practice
	information sheet and meets the
C1.2 A	1.1.2 A
Our practice manages telephone calls, telephone messages,	Our practice team can demonstrate how we receive and return
and/or electronic messages from patients.	telephone and (if applicable) electronic messages from patients.
	1.1.2 B
	For important communications, there is evidence of practice/patient
	telephone or electronic advice and information in our patient health
	records.
C1.3 A	1.2.2 A
Our patients receive information about proposed	Our clinical team can demonstrate how we provide information to
investigations, referrals and treatments, including their	our patients about the purpose, importance, benefits, risks and
purpose, importance, benefits, and risks.	possible costs of proposed investigations, referrals or treatments.
C1.3 B	1.2.2 B
Our patients receive information to support the diagnosis,	Our clinical team can describe how we use leaflets, brochures or
treatment, and management of their conditions.	written or electronic information to support our explanation of the diagnosis and management of conditions when appropriate.

C1.4 A	1.2.3 A
Our practice endeavours to use an interpreter with patients	Our clinical team can describe how they communicate with patients
who do not speak the primary language of our practice team.	who do not speak the primary language of our staff or who have a
	communication impairment.
	1.2.3 B
	Our practice has a list of contact details for interpreter and other
	communication services including the Translating and Interpreter
	Service.
C1.4 B	1.2.3 A
Our practice endeavours to use appropriate communication	Our clinical team can describe how they communicate with patients
services to communicate with patients who have a	who do not speak the primary language of our staff or who have a
communication impairment.	communication impairment.
	1.2.3 B
	Our practice has a list of contact details for interpreter and other
	communication services including the Translating and Interpreter
	Service.
C1.4 C	New Indicator
Our patients can access resources that are culturally	
appropriate, translated, and/or in plain English.	
C1.5 A	Criterion 1.2.4
Our patients are informed about out-of-pocket costs for	Our practice informs patients about the potential for out-of-pocket
healthcare they receive at our practice.	expenses for health care provided within our practice and for
	referred services
C1.5 B	Criterion 1.2.4
Our patients are informed that there are potential out-of-pocket	Our practice informs patients about the potential for out-of-pocket
costs for referred services.	expenses for health care provided within our practice and for
	referred services.
Core (C) Standards 2 -	- Rights and needs of patients
C2.1 A	2.1.1 A
Our practice, in providing patient healthcare, considers	Our practice does not discriminate against or disadvantage patients
patients' rights, beliefs, and their religious and cultural backgrounds.	in any aspect of access, examination, or treatment.
	2.1.1 G
	Our practice team can identify important/significant cultural groups
	within our practice and outline the strategies we have in place to
	meet their needs.
C2.1 B	2.1.1 B
Our patients receive information from the clinical team about	Our clinical team can demonstrate how we provide care or patients
the risks resulting from refusing a specific treatment, advice,	who refuse a specific treatment, advice, or procedure.
or procedure.	
C2.1 C	2.1.1 C
C2.1 C	2.1.1

clinical opinions.	them that they intend to seek a further clinical opinion.
C2.1 D	2.1.1 F
Our patients in distress are provided with privacy.	Our practice team can describe how our practice provides privacy
	for patients and others in distress.
C2.1 E	New Indicator
Our clinical team considers ethical dilemmas.	
C2.2 A	2.1.3 A
Our practice obtains and documents the prior consent of a	Our practice team can demonstrate how we obtain the prior consent
patient when the practice introduces a third party to the	of a patient for the presence of a third party during the consultation.
consultation.	
Core (C) Standards 3 – Prac	ctice governance and management
C3.1 A	New Indicator
Our practice plans and sets goals aimed at improving our	
services.	
C3.1B	New Indicator
Our practice evaluates its progress towards achieving its goals.	
C3.1 C	New Indicator
Our practice has a business risk management system that	
identifies, monitors, and mitigates risks in the practice.	
C3.1 D	2.1.2 B
Our practice has a complaints resolution process.	Our practice has a complaints resolution process and makes contact
	information for the state/territory health complaints agencies readily
	available to patients if we are unable to resolve their concerns
	ourselves
C3.2 A	4.1.1 A
All members of our practice team understand their role in the	All members of our practice team have position descriptions and can
practice.	describe their role in the practice.
C3.2 B	4.1.1 G
Our practice has performance discussions with each team	Our practice has a system to monitor team members' performance
member.	against their position descriptions.
C3.2 C	4.1.1 B
Our practice inducts new members of the practice team and	Our practice has an induction system that orientates new GPs and
familiarises them with our systems and processes.	other members of our practice team to the practice's specific
	systems.
C3.2 D	4.1.1 C
Our practice has at least one team member who has the	Our practice team can identify the person(s) with primary
primary responsibility for leading risk management systems	responsibility for leading our practice's quality improvement and
and processes.	risk management processes.
	3.1.3 A
	Our practice has leaders who have designated areas of responsibility
	for safety and quality improvement systems.
C3.2 E	4.1.1 D
Our practice has at least one team member who coordinates	Our practice team can identify the person(s) who coordinate the

the resolution of complaints.	seeking of administrative feedback and the investigation and
	resolution of administrative and/or other complaints
C3.3 A	3.1.2 E
Our practice has an emergency response plan for unexpected	Our practice has a contingency plan for adverse and unexpected
events, such as natural disasters, pandemic diseases, or	events such as natural disasters, pandemic disasters or the sudden,
unplanned absences of clinical team members.	unexpected absence of clinical staff.
C3.4 A	4.1.1 E
Our practice team has the opportunity to discuss administrative	Our practice team can discuss administrative matters with the
matters with the principal practitioners, practice directors,	principal GPs, practice directors or owners when necessary.
practice management, or owners when necessary.	principal or s, practice directors or owners when necessary.
C3.4 B	4.1.1 F
Our practice encourages involvement and input from all	Our practice can show evidence of regular practice discussions that
members of the practice team.	encourage involvement and input from members of the practice
members of the practice team.	team.
02.4.0	1.4.1 C
C3.4 C	
Our clinical team discusses the practice's clinical issues and	Our clinical team can demonstrate how we communicate about
support systems.	clinical issues and support systems within our practice.
C3.5 A	4.1.2 A
Our practice supports the safety, health, and wellbeing of the	At least two members of the practice team are present during normal
practice team.	opening hours.
	4.1.2 B
	Our practice team can describe how our practice supports their
	safety, health and wellbeing.
	5.1.1 F
	Our practice and office equipment is appropriate to its purpose.
C3.5 B	
	5.3.3 H
Our practice team is encouraged to obtain immunisations	Subject to the informed consent of individual
recommended by the current edition of the Australian	practice team members:
immunisation handbook based on their duties and	 the natural immunity to vaccine preventable diseases or immunisation status of practice
immunisation status.	team members is known
	 staff members are offered NHMRC recommended immunisations, as appropriate to their duties.
C3.6 A	4.2.1 H
Our practice has all research approved by an ethics committee	Whenever any member of our practice team is conducting research
and indemnified.	involving our patients, we can demonstrate that the research has
	appropriate approval from an ethics committee.
C3.6 B	4.2.1 G
Our practice only transfers identified patient health	When we collect patient health information for quality improvement
information to a third party for quality improvement or	or professional development activities, we only transfer identified
professional development activities after we have obtained the	patient health information to a third party once informed patient
patient's consent.	consent has been obtained.
	promotion and preventative activities
C4.1 A	Criterion 1.3.1
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Our patients receive appropriately tailored information	Our practice provides health promotion, illness prevention and
about health promotion, illness prevention, and preventive	preventive care and a reminder system based on patient need and
care.	best available evidence.
Core (C) Standards 5 – Health	promotion and preventative activities
C5.1 A	1.4.1 A
Our clinical team is able to access relevant current clinical and	Our clinical team uses current clinical guidelines relevant to general
other guidelines that help diagnose and manage our patients.	practice to assist in the diagnosis and management of our patients.
	1.4.1 D
	Our clinical team can explain how we access and use specific
	clinical guidelines for patients who identify as Aboriginal or Torres
	Strait Islander.
C5.1 B	1.4.1 B
Our clinical team supports consistent diagnosis and	Our clinical team can describe how we ensure consistency of
management of our patients.	diagnosis and management of our patients.
C5.2 A	Criterion 1.4.2
Our clinical team can exercise autonomy, to the full scope of	Our practice ensures that all GPs in our practice can exercise
their practice, skills and knowledge, when making decisions	autonomy in decisions that affect clinical care.
that affect clinical care.	
C5.3 A	1.5.2 A
Our practice manages the handover of patient care both within	Our practice team can demonstrate how we ensure an accurate and
the practice to other members of the clinical team and to	timely handover of patient care.
external care providers.	
	Information management
C6.1 A	3.1.4 A
Our practice uses a minimum of three approved patient identifiers to correctly identify patients and their clinical	Our practice has a patient identification process using three
information.	approved identifiers and the practice team can describe how its
C6.2 A	applied
	applied.
Our practice has a system to manage our patient health	1.7.1 A
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In response to valid requests, our practice transfers relevant	Our practice team can demonstrate how we facilitate the timely,
patient health information in a timely, authorised, and secure	authorised and secure transfer of patient health information in
manner.	relation to valid requests.
	4.2.2 F
	Electronic data transmission of patient health information from our
	practice is in a secure format.
	4.2.1 E
	Our practice team can describe the procedures for transferring
	relevant patient health information to another service provider.
C6.3 D	4.2.1 B
Only authorised team members can access our patient health	Our practice team can demonstrate how patient health records can be
records, prescription pads, and other official documents.	accessed by appropriate team members when required.
	5.1.1 E
	Prescription pads, letterhead, administrative records and other
	official documents are accessible only to authorised persons.
	4.2.1 A
	Our practice team can describe how we ensure the confidentiality of
	patient health records.
C6.4 A	4.2.2 D
Our practice has a team member who has primary	Our practice has a designated person with primary responsibility for
responsibility for the electronic systems and computer	the practice's electronic systems and computer security.
security.	
C6.4 B	4.2.2 A
Our practice does not store or temporarily leave the personal	Our practice team can demonstrate that the personal health
health information of patients where members of the public	information of patients of our practice is neither stored, nor left
could see or access that information.	visible, in areas where members of the public have unrestricted
	access or where constant staff supervision is not easily provided.
	4.2.2 E
	Our communication devices are accessible only to authorised staff.
C6.4 C	4.2.2 B
Our practice's clinical software is accessible only via unique	Our practice ensures that our practice computers and servers comply
individual passwords that give access to information according	with the RACGP computer security checklist and that:
to the person's level of authorisation.	computers are only accessible via individual password
	access to those in the practice team who have appropriate levels of authorisation
	computers have screensavers or other automated privacy
	protection devices are enabled to prevent unauthorised access to computers
	 servers are backed up and checked at frequent intervals,
	 consistent with a documented business continuity plan back up information is stored in a secure off site
	environment
	computers are protected by antivirus software that is

C6.4 D Our practice has a business continuity and information recovery plan. C6.4 E Our practice has appropriate procedures for the storage, retention, and destruction of records. C6.4 F Our practice has a policy about the use of email.	installed and updated regularly
C6.4 G	New Indicator
Our practice has a policy about the use of social media.	
C7.1 A	Content of patient health records 1.7.1 A
Our practice has an individual patient health record for each patient, which contains all health information held by our practice about that patient. C7.1 B	There is evidence that each patient has a legible individual patient health record containing all health information held by our practice about that patient. 1.7.1 C
Our active patient health records contain, for each active patient, their identification details, contact details, demographic, next of kin, and emergency contact information.	Our active patient health records include patient identification, contact and demographic information (where appropriate) including:
C7.1 C Our patient health records include records of consultations and clinical related communications.	1.7.3 A Our patient health records document consultations including consultations outside normal opening hours, home or other visits and telephone or electronic consultations where clinically significant, comprising: • date of consultation • patient reason for consultation • relevant clinical findings • diagnosis • recommended management plan and, where • appropriate expected process of review • any medicines prescribed for the patient (including • name, strength, directions for use/dose frequency, • number of repeats, and date medicine started/ • ceased/changed) • complementary medicines used by the patient • any relevant preventive care undertaken • any referral to other healthcare providers • or health services • any special advice or other instructions • who conducted the consultation (eg by initial

	 in the notes, or audit trail in electronic record).
C7.1 D	1.7.3 B
Our patient health records show that matters raised in previous	Our patient health records show evidence that problems raised in
consultations are followed up.	previous consultations are followed up.
C7.1 E	1.7.1 E
Our practice routinely records the Aboriginal or Torres Strait	Our practice can demonstrate that we routinely record Aboriginal
Islander status of our patients in their patient health record.	and Torres Strait Islander status in our active patient health records.
C7.1F	1.7.1 F
Our practice routinely records the cultural backgrounds of our	Our practice can demonstrate that we are working toward recording
patients in their patient health record.	the other cultural backgrounds of our patients in our active patient
	health records.
C7.1 G	1.7.3 C
Our patient health records contain, for each active patient,	Our practice can demonstrate that we are working toward recording
lifestyle risk factors.	preventative care status (eg currency of immunisation, smoking,
	nutrition, alcohol, physical activity, blood pressure, height and
	weight (body mass index)).
Core (C) Standards 8 – Educat	tion and training of non-clinical staff
C8.1 A	3.2.3 A
Our non-clinical staff complete training appropriate to their	Our administrative staff can provide evidence of training relevant to
role and our patient population.	their role in the practice.
C8.1 B	3.2.3 B
Our non-clinical staff complete cardiopulmonary resuscitation	Our administrative staff have CPR training at least every 3 years.
(CPR) training at least every three years.	
Quality Improvement (QI) S	tandard 1 – Quality Improvement
QI1.1 A	4.1.1 C
Our practice has at least one team member who has the	Our practice team can identify the person(s) with primary
Our practice has at least one team member who has the primary responsibility for leading our quality improvement	Our practice team can identify the person(s) with primary responsibility for leading our practice's quality improvement and
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feedback guide.	 been approved by the RACGP, or developing and using our own individual practice specific method that adheres to the requirements outlined in the RACGP Patient feedback guide: learning from our patients (questionnaire or focus group or patient interviews).
	2.1.2 A
	Our practice has a process for seeking and responding to feedback
	from patients and other people and our practice team can describe
	this process.
QI1.2 B	2.1.2 D
Our practice analyses, considers and responds to feedback.	Our practice can demonstrate improvements we have made in
	response to analysis of patient feedback.
QI1.2 C	2.1.2 E
Our practice informs patients, carers and other relevant parties	Our practice provides information to patients about practice
about how we have responded to feedback and used feedback	improvements made as a result of their input.
to improve quality.	
QII.3A	1.7.2 C
Our practice team uses a nationally recognised medical	Our practice has documented standardised clinical terminology
vocabulary for coding.	(such as coding) which the practice team uses to enable data
	collection for review of clinical practice.
QI1.3 B	3.1.1 B
Our practice uses relevant patient and practice data to improve	Our practice uses relevant patient and practice data for quality
clinical practice (eg chronic disease management, preventive	improvement (e.g patient access, chronic disease management,
health).	preventative health).
Quality Improvement (QI)	Standard 2 – Clinical Indicators
QI2.1 A	1.7.2 A
Our active patient health records contain a record of each	Our practice can demonstrate that at least 90% of our active patient
patient's known allergies.	health records contain a record of known allergies.
QI2.1 B	1.7.2 B
Each active patient health record has the patient's current	Our practice can demonstrate that at least 75% of our active patient
health summary that includes, where relevant:	health records contain a current health summary. A satisfactory
adverse drug reactions	summary includes, where appropriate:
current medicines list	adverse drug reactions
current health problemspast health history	current medicines list
 immunisations 	current health problemsrelevant past health history
family historyhealth risk factors (eg smoking, nutrition, alcohol,	 health risk factors (eg. smoking, nutrition, alcohol and
 physical activity) 	physical activity) • immunisations
• social history, including cultural background.	relevant family history
	 relevant social history including cultural background where clinically relevant.
QI2.2 A	5.3.1 A
Our patients are informed of the purpose, importance, benefits,	Our clinical team can demonstrate how our patients are informed
and risks of their medicines and treatments.	about the purpose, importance, benefits and risks of their medicines
	and how patients are made aware of their own responsibility to
	comply with the recommended treatment plan.

	1.2.2 C
	Our clinical team can describe how we provide information (printed
	or otherwise) about medicines and medicine safety to patients.
QI2.2 B	5.3.1 A
Our patients are made aware of their role in their own	Our clinical team can demonstrate how our patients are informed
treatment.	about the purpose, importance, benefits and risks of their medicines
	and how patients are made aware of their own responsibility to
	comply with the recommended treatment plan.
QI2.2 C	5.3.1 B
Our clinical team accesses current information on medicines,	Our clinical team can demonstrate how we access current
and reviews our prescribing patterns, in accordance with best	information on medicines and review our prescribing patterns in
available evidence.	accordance with best available evidence.
QI2.2 D	5.3.1 C
Our clinical team ensures that patients and other health	Our clinical team can demonstrate how we ensure patients and other
providers to whom we refer them receive an accurate and	health providers to whom we refer receive an accurate and current
current medicines list.	medicines list.
QI2.2 E	5.3.1 D
Our clinical team ensures that medicines, samples and medical	Our clinical team can demonstrate how we ensure that medicines
consumables are acquired, stored, administered, supplied and	(including samples and medical consumables) are acquired, stored,
disposed of in accordance with manufacturers' directions and	administered, supplied and disposed of in accordance with
relevant laws.	manufacturers' directions and jurisdictional requirements.
	andard 3 – Clinical risk management
QI3.1 A	3.1.2 A
Our practice monitors, identifies, and reports near misses and	Our practice team can demonstrate how we:
adverse events in clinical care.	 regularly monitor, identify and report near misses and mistakes in clinical care identify deviations from standard clinical practice that may result in patient harm.
	3.1.2 B
	Our practice has documented systems for dealing with near misses
	and mistakes.
QI 3.1 B	3.1.2 C
Our practice team makes improvements to our clinical	Our practice team can describe improvements made to our systems
risk management systems in order to prevent near	to prevent near misses and mistakes in clinical care.
	to prevent near misses and mistakes in chinical care.
misses and adverse events in clinical care.	2120
	3.1.2 D
	Our practice monitors system improvements to ensure successful
	implementation of changes made to our clinical risk management
	systems.
QI3.2A	New Indicator
Our practice follows an open disclosure process that is based	
on the Australian open disclosure framework.	
General Practice (GP)	Standard 1 – Access to care
GP1.1 A	1.1.1 A

Our practice provides different consultation types to	Our practice can demonstrate that we have a flexible system for
accommodate patients' needs.	determining the order in which patients are seen, to accommodate
	patients' needs for urgent care, non-urgent care, complex care,
	planned chronic disease management, preventive healthcare and
	longer consultations.
GP1.1 B	1.1.1 B
Our practice has a triage system.	Our practice can demonstrate how we identify, prioritise and
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	respond to life threatening and urgent medical matters (triage).
GP1.1C	1.1.2 C
Our recorded phone message advises patients to call 000 in	Our practice's 'on hold' message (if we have one) provides advice to
case of an emergency.	call 000 in case of an emergency.
GP1.2 A	1.1.3 A
Our patients can access home and other visits when safe and	There is evidence that patients of our practice access home and other
reasonable.	visits both within and outside normal opening hours.
Tousonusie.	visits both within and outside normal opening nouts.
	1.1.3 B
	Our practice team can demonstrate our practice's policy on home
	and other visits, both within and outside normal opening hours, and
	the situations in which a visit is deemed appropriate.
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	1.1.3 C
	Our practice has a written policy on home and other visits, both
	within and outside normal opening hours.
GP1.3 A	1.1.4 B
Our patients are informed about how they can access after-	Practices have processes in place to alert their patients to these
hours care.	arrangements.
GP1.3 B	1.1.4 A
Our patients can access after-hours care.	Practices are aware of the arrangements in place for their patients to
	access after-hours care.
General Practice (GP) St	tandard 2 – Comprehensive care
GP2.1 A	1.5.1 A
Our patients can request their preferred practitioner.	Our staff can describe how patients can request their preferred GP
	when making an appointment or attending our practice.
GP2.1 B	1.5.1 B
Our practice provides continuity of care and comprehensive	Our practice team can describe how we encourage continuity of
care.	comprehensive care.
GP2.2 A	1.5.3 A
Pathology results, imaging reports, investigation	Our patient health records contain evidence that all pathology
reports, and clinical correspondence that our practice receives	results, imaging reports, investigation reports and clinical
are:	correspondence received by or performed in our practice have been:
 reviewed 	reviewed by a GP
electronically notated, or, if on paper, signed or initialled.	 signed or initialled or electronic equivalent
signed or initialledacted on where required	where appropriate, acted upon in a timely manner.
 incorporated into the patient health record. 	1.5.3 B

	Our practice team can describe the system by which pathology
	results, imaging reports, investigation reports and clinical
	correspondence received by our practice are: • reviewed
	signed or initialled (or the electronic equivalent)
	acted on in a timely manner incorporated into the resist health record
	incorporated into the patient health record.
	1.5.3 C
	Our practice has a written policy describing the review and
	management of pathology results, imaging reports, investigation
	reports and clinical correspondence
	received by our practice.
GP2.2 B	1.5.3 E
Our practice recalls patients who have clinically significant	Our practice team can describe how we follow up and recall patients
results.	with clinically significant tests and results.
	1.5.3 F
	Our practice has a documented system to identify, follow up and
	recall patients with clinically significant results.
GP2.2 C	1.5.3 D
Our patients are advised of the practice's process for follow-up	Our practice team can describe how patients are advised of the
of tests and results.	process for the follow up of results.
GP2.2D	Criterion 1.3.1
Our practice initiates and manages patient reminders.	Our practice provides health promotion, illness prevention and
2 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	preventive care and a reminder system based on patient need and
	best available evidence.
GP2.2 E	New Indicator
High-risk (seriously abnormal and life-threatening) results	100 Macator
identified outside normal opening hours are managed by our	
practice.	
GP2.3 A	1.6.1 A
Our practice collaborates with other health services to deliver	Our practice team can demonstrate how we plan and coordinate
•	
comprehensive care.	comprehensive care by our interaction with other services such as:
	 medical services including diagnostic services, hospitals and specialist consultant services
	primary healthcare nurses
	 allied health services pharmacists
	disability and community services
GP2.3 B	 health promotion and public health services and programs. 1.6.2 A
Our practice's referral letters are legible and contain all	Our practice can demonstrate that referral letters are legible, contain
-	at least three approved patient identifiers, state the purpose of the
regulared information.	at 12 and approved patient identifiers, state the purpose of the
required information.	referral and where appropriate
required information.	referral and where appropriate:
required information.	referral and where appropriate:
required information.	are on appropriate practice stationery

• the doctor making the referral is appropriately identified

- the healthcare setting from which the referral has been made is identified
- the healthcare setting to which the referral is being made is identified
- if known, the healthcare provider to whom the referral is being made is identified
- if the referral is transmitted electronically then it is done in a secure manner
- a copy of referral documents is retained in the patient health record.

GP2.4 A

Our practice team transfers care to another practitioner (in our practice or in another practice) when a patient requests the transfer.

2.1.1 D

Our practice team can describe what they do to transfer care in a timely manner, to another GP in our practice or to another practice when a patient wants to leave the GP's care.

4.2.1 E

Our practice team can describe the procedures for transferring relevant patient health information to another service provider.

GP2.4 B

Our practice facilitates the transfer of care of a patient when the practitioner requests transfer of care.

2.1.1 E

Our practice team can describe arrangements for informing a patient and transferring the care of a patient whom a GP within our practice no longer wishes to treat.

General Practice (GP) Standard 3 – Qualification of our clinical team

GP3.1 A

Members of our clinical team:

- have current national registration where applicable
- have accreditation/certification with their relevant
- professional association
- · actively participate in continuing professional
- development (CPD) relevant to their position and
- in accordance with their legal and professional
- organisation's requirements
- have undertaken training in cardiopulmonary
- resuscitation (CPR), in accordance with the
- recommendations of their professional
- organisation or at least every three years.

3.2.1 A

All of our doctors can provide evidence of appropriate current national medical registration.

3.2.1 C

Our practice can provide:

- evidence of satisfactory participation in the RACGP QI&CPD Program by all our GPs; or
- evidence that our doctors participate in quality improvement and continuing professional development to at least the same standard as the RACGP QI & CPD Program.

3.2.1 D

Our GPs have undertaken training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in accordance with RACGP QI&CPD recommendations

3.2.2 A

All our nurses and allied health professional have:

- current national registration where applicable
- appropriate credentialing and competence
- work within their current scope of practice
- actively participate in continuing professional development relevant to their position in accordance with their professional organisation's requirements.

3.2.2 B

Our other team members involved in clinical care have appropriate qualifications, training and competence and participate in continuing education relevant to their role

3.2.2 C

Our other team members involved in clinical care have undertaken training in CPR in accordance with the requirements of the relevant registration Act or professional organisation or at least every three years.

GP3.1 B

GPs working in our practice are one or more of the following:

- A vocationally registered (VR) GP
- A medical practitioner on a pathway to general practice Fellowship
- A general practice registrar under appropriate supervision from a qualified VR GP
- Working under an approved workforce program
- Where recruitment of recognised GPs or doctors on a pathway to Fellowship has been unsuccessful, our practice ensures doctors have the qualifications and training necessary to meet the needs of patients.

3.2.1 B

Our practice demonstrates that all our doctors are recognised GPs, with the exception of:

- doctors enrolled in a recognised general practice training program
- · other specialists practising within their specialty
- trainees undertaking a placement to gain experience in general practice as part of another specialist training program
- Where recruitment of recognised GPs has been unsuccessful, our practice demonstrates that doctors have the qualifications and training necessary to meet the needs of our patients.

GP3.1 C

Our clinical team is trained to use the practice's equipment that they need to properly perform their role.

New Indicator

New Indicator

GP3.1 D

Our clinical team is aware of the potential risks associated with the equipment they use.

General Practice (GP) standards 4 - Reducing the risk of infection

GP4.1 A

Our practice has at least one clinical team member who has primary responsibility for:

- coordinating prevention and control of infection
- coordinating the provision of an adequate range of sterile equipment (reprocessed or
- disposable)
- where relevant, having procedures for reprocessing (sterilising) instruments onsite or offsite, and ensuring there is documented evidence that this reprocessing is monitored and has been validated
- safe storage and stock rotation of sterile products
- waste management.

5.3.3 A

Our practice team can identify the person with primary responsibility for coordinating infection control processes within our practice and this person has such responsibility defined in their position description.

5.3.3 C

The practice team member with designated responsibility for the sterilisation process can describe in detail how sterile procedures are undertaken, including, where relevant:

- provision of an adequate range of sterile reprocessed or disposable equipment
- procedures for having instruments sterilised on-site, including documentary evidence of a validated process
- procedures for on-site sterilisation of equipment, including monitoring the integrity of the whole sterilisation process, validation of the sterilisation process and steriliser maintenance
- safe storage and stock rotation of sterile products.

5.3.3 F

The practice team member with delegated responsibility for

	environmental cleaning can describe the process for the routine
	cleaning of all areas of the practice and can provide documentation
	on the practice's cleaning policy.
GP4.1 B	5.3.3 B
Our practice has a written, practice-specific policy that	Our practice has a written, practice specific policy that outlines our
outlines our infection control processes.	infection control processes.
GP4.1 C	5.3.3 G
Our practice has a clinical team member who has primary	The practice team member with delegated responsibility for sta!
responsibility for educating the practice team about infection	education on infection control can describe how the induction
prevention and control.	program for new staff covers our infection control policy as relevant
	to their role, and the requirements for providing ongoing staff
	education and assessing staff competency.
GP4.1 D	5.3.3 D
All members of our practice team manage risks of potential	All members of our practice team can demonstrate how risks of
cross-infection in our practice by methods that include:	potential cross infection within our practice are managed (as
 good hand hygiene practices the use of PPE triage of patients with potential communicable 	appropriate) including procedures for:
diseases	hand hygienethe use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
 safe storage and disposal of clinical waste including sharps 	 triage of patients with potential communicable
 safe management of blood and body fluid spills. 	diseasesafe storage and disposal of clinical waste
	 including sharps
CPA 1 E	managing blood and body fluid spills.
GP4.1 E	5.3.3 I
Our patients are informed about respiratory etiquette, hand	Our practice team can explain how patients are educated in
hygiene, and precautionary techniques to prevent the	respiratory etiquette, hand hygiene and precautionary techniques to
transmission of communicable diseases.	prevent the transmission of communicable diseases.
GP4.1 F	New Indicator
Our practice records the sterilisation load number from the	
sterile barrier system in the patient's health record when sterile	
items have been used and records the patient's name against	
those load numbers in a sterilisation log or list.	
General Practice (GP) Sta	ndards 5 – The medial practice
GP5.1 A	5.1.1 A
Our practice's facilities are fit for purpose.	Our practice has at least one dedicated consulting/ examination room
	for every member of our clinical team working in our practice at any
	time.
	5.1.3 A
	There is wheelchair access to our practice and its facilities, or if
	physical access is limited, our practice provides home or other visits
CDS 1 D	to patients with disabilities or special needs.
GP5.1 B	5.1.1 B
All foca to foca nations assessment in the state of the s	
All face-to-face patient consultations in our practice take place	Each of our consultation rooms (which may include an attached
All face-to-face patient consultations in our practice take place in a dedicated consultation or examination space.	examination room/area): • is free from excessive noise

number of patients and other people who would be waiting at any given time. Sill H	GP5.1 C Our consultation spaces permit patient privacy and confidentiality. GP5.1 D Our practice has a waiting area that accommodates its usual	 has an examination couch is maintained at a comfortable ambient temperature ensures patient privacy when the patient needs to undress for a clinical examination (eg. by the use of adequate curtain or screen and gowns or sheets). 5.1.2 A The physical facilities of our practice support patient privacy and confidentiality. 5.1.2 B Visual and auditory privacy of consultations and treatments is supported. 5.1.1 C Our practice has a waiting area sufficient to accommodate the usual
S.1.1 H Our practice waiting area caters for the specific needs of children.	number of patients and other people who would be waiting at	number of patients and other people who would be waiting at any
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thermometertorch	X-ray viewing facilities.
• tourniquet	5.2.1 C
 urine testing strips, including pregnancy testing kits vaginal specula 	Our practice can demonstrate that the equipment we use is sufficient
 visual acuity charts 	for the procedures we commonly perform
the ability to view X-rays.	and fractional was assumed, beautiful
	5.2.1 E
	Our practice has a pulse oximeter.
GP 5.2 B	5.2.1 D
Our practice maintains our clinical equipment in accordance	Our practice can demonstrate how we maintain our key equipment,
with each manufacturer's recommendations.	according to a documented schedule.
GP 5.2 C	5.1.1 G
Our practice has one or more height-adjustable beds.	Our practice has one or more height adjustable beds.
GP5.2 D	5.2.1 B
Our practice has timely access to a spirometer and	Our practice has timely access to a spirometer and
electrocardiograph.	electrocardiograph.
GP 5.2 E	New Indicator
Our practice has a defibrillator.	Ten Indicator
GP 5.3 A	5.2.2 A
Each of our GPs has access to a fully equipped	Each of our GPs has access to a fully equipped doctor's bag for
doctor's bag for routine visits and emergency	emergency care and routine visits and the bag contains:
care, containing:	auriscope
auriscope	disposable gloves
disposable gloves	 equipment for maintaining an airway in both adults and children
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tongue depressors	tongue depressorstorch
torch General Practice (GP)	 Standard 6 — Vaccine potency
GP 6.1 A	5.3.2 A
Our practice has at least one team member who has primary	Our practice team can identify the person with primary
responsibility for cold chain management in the practice.	responsibility for cold chain management within the practice.
GP 6.1 B	5.3.2 B
The team member who has primary responsibility for cold	The person with primary responsibility for cold chain management
chain management ensures that the process used complies with	has this responsibility defined in their position description and can
the current edition of the National vaccine storage guidelines:	describe how the process used for cold chain management complies
Strive for 5.	with the current edition of the National Vaccine Storage Guidelines.
GP6.1 C	5.3.2 C
The team member who has primary responsibility for cold	Our practice can demonstrate how we review the following
chain management reviews, the following processes to ensure	processes to ensure potency of our vaccine stock:
potency of our vaccine stock:	ordering and stock rotation protocols
1	maintenance of equipment

 Ordering and stock rotation protocols Maintenance of equipment Annual audit of our vaccine storage procedures Continuity of the cold chain, including the handover process between designated members of the practice team Accuracy of our digital vaccine refrigerator thermometer. 	 annual audit of our vaccine storage procedures continuum of cold chain management, including the handover process between designated members of the practice team accuracy of our digital vaccine refrigerator thermometer.
GP6.1 D	New Indicator
Our practice has a written, practice-specific policy that	
outlines our cold chain processes.	

Table S2.

Conformance of individual indicators under then 5th edition standards

#	Indicator	Code	M	New	Abbreviated indicator description	Total	Met	Not Met	N/A
1	C1.1A	C 1.1 ▶□ A	1	0	Our patients can access up to date information about the practice	926	769	157	0
2	C1.2A	C 1.2 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice manages telephone calls, telephone messages, and electronic messages from patients	926	871	55	0
3	C1.3A	C 1.3 ▶□ A	1	0	Our patients receive information about proposed investigations, referrals and treatments, including their purpose, importance, benefits, and risks	926	911	14	1
4	C1.3B	C 1.3 ▶□ B	1	0	Our patients receive information to support the diagnosis, treatment, and management of their conditions	926	887	39	0
5	C1.4A	C 1.4 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice endeavors to use an interpreter with patients who do not speak the primary language of our practice team	926	895	29	2
6	C1.4B	C 1.4 ▶□ B	1	0	Our practice endeavors to use appropriate communication services to communicate with patients who have a communication impairment	926	896	29	1
7	C1.4C	C 1.4 C	0	1	Our patients can access resources that are culturally appropriate, translated, and/or in plain English	926	911	14	1
8	C1.5A	C 1.5 ▶□ A	1	1	Our patients are informed about out-of-pocket costs for healthcare they receive at our practice	926	905	21	0
9	C1.5B	C 1.5 ▶□ B	1	1	Our patients are informed that there are potential out-of-pocket costs for referred services	926	919	7	0
10	C2.1A	C 2.1 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice, in providing patient healthcare, considers patients' rights, beliefs, and their religious and cultural backgrounds	926	919	7	0
11	C2.1B	C 2.1 ▶□ B	1	0	Our patients receive information from the clinical team about the risks resulting from refusing a specific treatment, advice, or procedure	926	900	26	0
12	C2.1C	C 2.1 ▶□ C	1	0	Our practice acknowledges a patient's right to seek other clinical opinions	926	916	10	0
13	C2.1D	C 2.1 ▶□ D	1	0	Our patients in distress are provided with privacy	926	923	3	0
14	C2.1E	C 2.1 ▶□ E	1	1	Our clinical team considers ethical dilemmas	926	744	182	0
15	C2.2A	C 2.2 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice obtains and documents the prior consent of a patient when the practice introduces a third party to the consultation	926	814	111	1
16	C2.3A	C 2.3 ▶□ A	1	0	Our patients with disabilities or special needs can access our services	926	906	20	0
17	C3.1A	C 3.1 ▶□ A	1	1	Our practice plans and sets goals aimed at improving our services	926	824	102	0
18	C3.1B	C 3.1 B	0	1	Our practice evaluates its progress towards achieving its goals	926	783	143	0
19	C3.1C	C 3.1 ▶□ C	1	1	Our practice has a business risk management system that identifies, monitors, and mitigates risks in the practice	926	810	116	0
20	C3.1D	C 3.1 ▶□ D	1	0	Our practice has a complaints resolution process	926	893	33	0
21	C3.2A	C 3.2 ▶□ A	1	0	All members of our practice team understand their role in the practice	926	900	26	0
22	C3.2B	C 3.2 ▶□ B	1	0	Our practice has performance discussions with each team member	926	865	60	1

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23	C3.2C	C 3.2 ▶□ C	1	0	Our practice inducts new members of the practice team and familiarises them with our systems and processes	926	908	18	0
24	C3.2D	C 3.2 ▶□ D	1	0	Our practice has at least one team member who has the primary responsibility for leading risk management systems and processes	926	909	17	0
25	C3.2E	C 3.2 ▶□ E	1	0	Our practice has at least one team member who coordinates the resolution of complaints	926	889	37	0
26	C3.3A	C 3.3 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice has an emergency response plan for unexpected events, such as natural disasters, pandemic diseases, or unplanned absences of clinical team members	926	858	68	0
27	C3.4A	C 3.4 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice team has the opportunity to discuss administrative matters with the principal practitioners, practice directors, practice management, or owners when necessary	926	885	41	0
28	C3.4B	C 3.4 ▶□ B	1	0	Our practice encourages involvement and input from all members of the practice team	926	912	14	0
29	C3.4C	C 3.4 ▶□ C	1	0	Our clinical team discusses the practice's clinical issues and support systems	926	832	93	1
30	C3.5A	C 3.5 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice supports the safety, health, and well being of the practice team	926	907	19	0
31	C3.5B	C 3.5 ▶□ B	1	0	Our practice team is encouraged to obtain immunisations recommended by the current edition of the Australian Immunisation Handbook based on their duties and immunisation status	926	895	31	0
32	C3.6A	C 3.6 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice has all research approved by an ethics committee	926	234	8	684
33	C3.6B	C 3.6 ▶□ B	1	0	Our practice confirms that the appropriate indemnity is in place for research, based on the level of risk	926	427	7	492
34	C4.1A	C 4.1 ▶□ A	1	1	Our patients receive appropriately tailored information about health promotion, illness prevention, and preventive care	926	882	44	0
35	C5.1A	C 5.1 ▶□ A	1	0	Our clinical team is able to access relevant current clinical and other guidelines that help diagnose and manage our patients	926	893	33	0
36	C5.1B	C 5.1 ▶□ B	1	0	Our clinical team supports consistent diagnosis and management of our patients	926	887	39	0
37	C5.2A	C 5.2 ▶□ A	1	1	Our clinical team can exercise autonomy, to the full scope of their practice, skills and knowledge, when making decisions that affect clinical care	926	920	6	0
38	C5.3A	C 5.3 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice manages the hand-over of patient care both within the practice to other members of the clinical team and to external care providers	926	891	35	0
39	C6.1A	C 6.1 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice uses a minimum of three approved patient identifiers to correctly identify patients and their clinical information	926	886	40	0
40	C6.2A	C 6.2 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice has a system to manage our patient health information	926	921	4	1
41	C6.2B	C 6.2 ▶□ B	1	0	If our practice is using a hybrid patient health system, a note of each consultation or interaction is made in each system and that record includes where the clinical notes are recorded	926	222	12	692
42	C6.3A	C 6.3 ▶□ A	1	0	Our patients are informed of how our practice manages confidentiality and their personal health information	926	877	49	0
43	C6.3B	C 6.3 ▶□ B	1	0	Our patients are informed of how they can gain access to their health information we hold	926	908	18	0
44	C6.3C	C 6.3 ▶□ C	1	0	In response to valid requests, our practice transfers relevant patient information in a timely, authorised and secure manner	926	907	19	0
45	C6.3D	C 6.3 ▶□ D	1	0	Only authorised team members can access our patient health records, prescription pads and other official documents	926	903	23	0
46	C6.4A	C 6.4 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice has a team member who has primary responsibility for the electronic systems and computer security	926	914	12	0

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47	C6.4B	C 6.4 ▶□ B	1	0	Our practice does not store or temporarily leave the personal health information of patients where members of the public could see or access that information	926	882	44	0
48	C6.4C	C 6.4 ▶□ C	1	0	Our practice's clinical software is accessible only via unique individual passwords that give access to information according to the person's level of authorisation	926	884	42	0
49	C6.4D	C 6.4 ▶□ D	1	0	Our practice has a business continuity and information recovery plan	926	773	153	0
50	C6.4E	C 6.4 ▶□ E	1	0	Our practice has appropriate procedures for the storage, retention and destruction of records	926	903	23	0
51	C6.4F	C 6.4 ▶□ F	1	1	Our practice has a policy about the usage of email	926	893	33	0
52	C6.4G	C 6.4 ▶□ G	1	1	Our practice has a policy about the use of social media	926	872	54	0
53	C7.1A	C 7.1 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice has an individual patient health record for each patient, which contains all health information held by our practice about that patient	926	908	18	0
54	C7.1B	C 7.1 ▶□ B	1	0	Our active patient health records contain, for each active patient, their identification details, contact details, demographic, next of kin and emergency contact information	926	752	173	1
55	C7.1C	C 7.1 ▶□ C	1	0	Our patient health records include records of consultations and clinical related communications	926	793	133	0
56	C7.1D	C 7.1 ▶□ D	1	0	Our patient health records show that matters raised in previous consultations are followed up	926	902	24	0
57	C7.1E	C 7.1 ▶□ E	1	0	Our practice routinely records the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status of our patients in their health record	926	826	100	0
58	C7.1F	C 7.1 F	0	0	Our practice routinely records the cultural backgrounds of our patients in their patient health record	926	714	212	0
59	C7.1G	C 7.1 ▶□ G	1	0	Our patient health records contain, for each active patient lifestyle risk factors	926	727	199	0
60	C8.1A	C 8.1 ▶□ A	1	0	Our non-clinical staff complete training appropriate to their role and our patient population	926	814	112	0
61	C8.1B	C 8.1 ▶□ B	1	0	Our non-clinical staff complete CPR training at least every three years	926	763	163	0
62	QI1.1A	QI 1.1 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice has at least one team member who has the primary responsibility for leading our quality improvement systems and processes	926	905	21	0
63	QI1.1B	QI 1.1 ▶□ B	1	0	Our practice team internally shares information about quality improvement and patient safety	926	880	46	0
64	QI1.1C	QI 1.1 ▶□ C	1	1	Our practice seeks feedback from the team about our quality improvement systems and the performance of these systems	926	830	96	0
65	QI1.1D	QI 1.1 ▶□ D	1	0	Our practice team can describe areas of our practice that we have improved in the past three years	926	852	72	2
66	QI1.2A	QI 1.2 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice collects feedback from patients, carers and other relevant parties in accordance with the RACGP's Patient feedback guide	926	836	90	0
67	QI1.2B	QI 1.2 ▶□ B	1	0	Our practice analyses, considers and responds to feedback	926	782	144	0
68	QI1.2C	QI 1.2 ▶□ C	1	0	Our practice informs patients, carers and other relevant parties about how we have responded to feedback and used feedback to improve quality	926	762	164	0
69	QI1.3A	QI 1.3 A	0	0	Our practice uses a nationally recognised medical vocabulary for coding	926	822	103	1
70	QI1.3B	QI 1.3 ▶□ B	1	1	Our practice uses relevant patient and practice data to improve clinical practice	926	796	130	0

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71	QI2.1A	QI 2.1 ▶□ A	1	0	Our active patient health records contain a record of each patient's known allergies	926	880	46	0
72	QI2.1B	QI 2.1 ▶□ B	1	0	Each active patient health record has a current health summary	926	609	317	0
73	QI2.2A	QI 2.2 ▶□ A	1	0	Our patients are informed of the purpose, importance, benefits and risks of their medicines and treatments	926	899	27	0
74	QI2.2B	QI 2.2 ▶□ B	1	0	Our patients are made aware of their role in their own treatment	926	890	36	0
75	QI2.2C	QI 2.2 ▶□ C	1	0	Our clinical team accesses current information on medicines, and reviews our prescribing patterns, in accordance with best available evidence	926	896	30	0
76	QI2.2D	QI 2.2 ▶□ D	1	0	Our clinical team ensures that patients and other health providers to whom we refer them, receive an accurate and current medication list	926	877	49	0
77	QI2.2E	QI 2.2 ▶□ E	1	0	Our clinical team ensures that medicines, samples, and medical consumables are acquired, stored, administered, supplied, and disposed of in accordance with manufacturers' directions and relevant laws	926	758	166	2
78	QI3.1A	QI 3.1 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice monitors, identifies, and reports near misses and adverse events in clinical care	926	829	97	0
79	QI3.1B	QI 3.1 ▶□ B	1	0	Our practice team makes improvements to our clinical risk management systems in order to prevent near misses and adverse events in clinical care	926	823	103	0
80	QI3.2A	QI 3.2 A	0	1	Our practice follows an open disclosure process that is based on the Australian Open Disclosure Framework	926	785	141	0
81	GP1.1A	GP 1.1 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice provides different consultation types to accommodate patients' needs	926	917	9	0
82	GP1.1B	GP 1.1 ▶□ B	1	0	Our practice has a triage system	926	912	14	0
83	GP1.1C	GP 1.1 C	0	0	Our recorded phone message advises patients to call 000 in case of an emergency	926	881	45	0
84	GP1.2A	GP 1.2 ▶□ A	1	0	Our patients can access home and other visits when safe and reasonable	926	868	57	1
85	GP1.3A	GP 1.3 ▶□ A	1	0	Our patients are informed about how they can access after-hours care	926	886	40	0
86	GP1.3B	GP 1.3 ▶□ B	1	0	Our patients can access after-hours care	926	886	39	1
87	GP2.1A	GP 2.1 ▶□ A	1	0	Our patients can request their preferred practitioner	926	905	17	4
88	GP2.1B	GP 2.1 ▶□ B	1	0	Our practice provides continuity of care and comprehensive care	926	893	33	0
89	GP2.2A	GP 2.2 ▶□ A	1	0	Pathology results, imaging reports, investigation reports, and clinical correspondence are appropriately reviewed, managed & acted on where required	926	826	100	0
90	GP2.2B	GP 2.2 ▶□ B	1	0	Our practice recalls patients who have clinically significant results	926	864	62	0
91	GP2.2C	GP 2.2 ▶□ C	1	0	Our patients are advised of the practice's process for follow-up of tests and results	926	898	28	0
92	GP2.2D	GP 2.2 D	0	1	Our practice initiates and manages patient reminders	926	911	15	0
93	GP2.2E	GP 2.2 ▶□ E	1	1	High risk (seriously abnormal and life threatening) results identified outside normal opening hours are managed by our practice	926	901	25	0
94	GP2.3A	GP 2.3 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice collaborates with other health services to deliver comprehensive care	926	922	4	0

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95	GP2.3B	GP 2.3 ▶□ B	1	0	Our practice's referral letters are legible and contain all required information	926	882	44	0
96	GP2.4A	GP 2.4 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice team transfers care to another practitioner (in our practice or in another practice) when a patient requests the transfer	926	918	8	0
97	GP2.4B	GP 2.4 ▶□ B	1	0	Our practice facilitates the transfer of care of a patient when the practitioner requests transfer of care	926	916	10	0
98	GP3.1A	GP 3.1 ▶□ A	1	0	Members of our clinical team are registered, certified by their relevant professional association, actively participate in CPD and have undertaken CPR training	926	661	265	0
99	GP3.1B	GP 3.1 ▶□ B	1	0	GPs working in our practice are appropriately trained and qualified	926	855	70	1
100	GP3.1C	GP 3.1 ▶□ C	1	1	Our clinical team is trained to use the practice's equipment that they need to properly perform their role	926	807	119	0
101	GP3.1D	GP 3.1 ▶□ D	1	1	Our clinical team is aware of the potential risks associated with the equipment they use	926	801	125	0
102	GP4.1A	GP 4.1 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice has at least one clinical team member who has primary responsibility for sterilisation, infection prevention and control, clinical stock control and clinical waste management	926	814	112	0
103	GP4.1B	GP 4.1 ▶□ B	1	0	Our practice has a written, practice specific policy that outlines our infection control processes	926	881	45	0
104	GP4.1C	GP 4.1 ▶□ C	1	0	Our practice has a clinical team member who has primary responsibility for educating the practice team about infection prevention and control	926	897	29	0
105	GP4.1D	GP 4.1 ▶□ D	1	0	All members of our practice team manage risks of potential cross-infection in our practice	926	834	92	0
106	GP4.1E	GP 4.1 ▶□ E	1	0	Our patients are informed about respiratory etiquette, hand hygiene, and precautionary techniques to prevent the transmission of communicable diseases	926	899	27	0
107	GP4.1F	GP 4.1 F	0	1	Our practice records the sterilisation load number in the patient's health record and records the patient's name against those load numbers in the sterilisation log	926	650	260	16
108	GP5.1A	GP 5.1 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice's facilities are fit for purpose	926	907	19	0
109	GP5.1B	GP 5.1 ▶□ B	1	0	All face-to-face patient consultations in our practice take place in a dedicated consultation or examination space	926	925	1	0
110	GP5.1C	GP 5.1 ▶□ C	1	0	Our consultation spaces permit patient privacy and confidentiality	926	910	16	0
111	GP5.1D	GP 5.1 ▶□ D	1	0	Our practice has a waiting area that accommodates the usual number of patients and other people who would be waiting at any given time	926	924	2	0
112	GP5.1E	GP 5.1 ▶□ E	1	0	Our practice has access to toilets and hand-cleaning facilities	926	923	3	0
113	GP5.1F	GP 5.1 ▶□ F	1	0	Our practice is visibly clean	926	903	23	0
114	GP5.2A	GP 5.2 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice has equipment that enables us to provide comprehensive primary care and emergency resuscitation	926	768	158	0
115	GP5.2B	GP 5.2 ▶□ B	1	0	Our practice maintains our clinical equipment in accordance with each manufacturer's recommendations	926	732	194	0
116	GP5.2C	GP 5.2 ▶□ C	1	0	Our practice has one or more height-adjustable beds	926	920	6	0
117	GP5.2D	GP 5.2 ▶□ D	1	0	Our practice has timely access to a spirometer and electrocardiograph	926	899	27	0
118	GP5.2E	GP 5.2 E	0	1	Our practice has a defibrillator	926	778	145	3

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119	GP5.3A	GP 5.3 ▶□ A	1	0	Each of our GPs has access to a fully equipped doctor's bag for routine visits and emergency care	926	765	161	0
120	GP6.1A	GP 6.1 ▶□ A	1	0	Our practice has at least one team member who has primary responsibility for cold chain management in the practice	926	894	32	0
121	GP6.1B	GP 6.1 ▶□ B	1	0	The team member who has primary responsibility for cold chain management ensures that the process used complies with the current edition of the National Vaccine Storage Guidelines – Strive for 5	926	839	87	0
122	GP6.1C	GP 6.1 ▶□ C	1	0	The team member who has primary responsibility for cold chain management reviews or audits all necessary processes to ensure potency of our vaccine stock	926	833	93	0
123	GP6.1D	GP 6.1 ▶□ D	1	0	Our practice has a written, practice-specific policy that outlines our cold chain processes	926	874	52	0

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