



Getting started in supervision Webinar broadcast: 28 August 2019

Useful Links, questions and answers – Dr Nicole Higgins

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- Support Organisations:
 - Medical Education Network - RACGP
 - RTOs
 - GP Supervisors Australia [GPSA](#)
 - [Association for Medical Education in Europe](#) (AMEE)
 - [Association for the Study of Medical Education](#) (ASME)
 - [Australia and New Zealand Association of Health Professional Educators](#) (ANZAHPE)
 - [General Practice Medical Education](#) (GPME)
- Resources:
 - [GPSA New Supervisor Guide](#)
 - [RACGP Guidelines for GP Supervisors](#)
 - [RACGP Standards for General Practice Training – 2nd Edition](#)

Webinar Questions

1. *How many doctors can a GP supervisor supervise?*

- This will depend on your level of experience, FTE and guidelines set by your Regional Training Organisation. It is usual for each GP supervisor to have a maximum of two GP trainees.

2. *What training is available for GP supervisors?*

- GPSA runs regular webinars for GP supervisors and there is extensive information and support via their webpage.
- Regional Training Organisations provide education support for their supervisors.
- RACGP, ACRRM and GPME provide professional development in Medical Education through a variety of conferences and Webinars.
- Tertiary certificates and Postgraduate courses in Clinical Supervision are offered by several universities (e.g. [James Cook University](#), [Monash](#), [The University of Newcastle](#)).

3. *How many years post fellowship can a GP become a supervisor?*

- There is no minimum time post-Fellowship to become a supervisor, however you must be able to demonstrate to your Regional Training Organisation that you have the skills and experience required to be a supervisor. It is usual for new supervisors to start off with a more experienced GP trainee and find an experienced GP supervisor who can provide mentorship.

4. *Can you be a supervisor when you are working under a 10-year moratorium?*

- A moratorium does not impact upon eligibility to be a Supervisor, as long as the other criteria are met which are:
 - Full and unrestricted registration as a specialist GP under Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
 - Fellowship of either RACGP and/or ACRRM is highly recommended
 - Professional involvement in the broader general practice profession
 - Commitment to ongoing professional development aimed at improving performance as a general practice educator.

5. *Can an RACGP Fellow become a supervisor for another GP wanting to meet requirements under ACRRM?*

- Yes. Your RTO will provide you with the requirements to be an accredited Supervisor for each college.

6. *What are the usual hourly fees as a primary or assistant Supervisor?*

- For GP supervisors who have AGPT GP Trainees, the practice receives a subsidy to support teaching time and supervision. The subsidy is higher for more junior registrars. Each RTO has different ways of providing the subsidy, and differing amounts. Each GP supervisor negotiates with their practice as to how the subsidy is divided amongst the GP supervisors.

7. *Can you be a supervisor if you are part-time?*

- Yes, it's often an agreement with other GPs and supervisors in the practice, and with the practice itself, about how part-time supervisors would share the supervision of the registrars.

8. *Can I join GPSA before I become a supervisor?* Absolutely!

Please note:

- If you have any questions that remain unanswered, please don't hesitate to ask through [Facebook](#) or [email](#).