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JCCA continuing professional development (CPD) standard | 2017–19
Introduction

The Joint Consultative Committee on Anaesthesia (JCCA) is a tripartite committee comprised of representatives appointed by their respective councils/board of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA), The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM).

The JCCA Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program (previously Maintenance of Professional Standards) was introduced by the JCCA in the 1996–98 triennium as a means for general practitioners providing anaesthesia services to develop their CPD or professional development (PDP) activities in the area of anaesthesia. Effective CPD is understood by the medical profession as educational activity that results in quality improvement in clinical practice. It is the expectation of the JCCA that all general practitioners providing anaesthesia services will complete CPD to the standard as defined by the JCCA CPD program.

Successful completion of the JCCA CPD program leads to the issue of a certificate of completion.

The principles on which the JCCA makes decisions about rural general practitioner anaesthesia training and ongoing education are:

- There are areas of Australia where there will always be a requirement for GPs to provide anaesthesia services to meet the needs of the community. This is mainly in small rural towns and some provincial cities. In those larger regional centers that provide a specialist anaesthetic service, general practitioners providing anaesthesia services and their specialist colleagues should work in cooperation.

- General practitioners providing anaesthesia services must have appropriate training and must be providing safe anaesthesia. The majority of general practitioners providing anaesthesia services will have completed the Curriculum for general practitioner anaesthesia. Other training in anaesthesia may be acceptable. However, application to the JCCA is necessary to if formal recognition of this training is required.

- General practitioners providing anaesthesia services need to maintain an adequate volume of practice to maintain their anaesthesia skills and knowledge, i.e., there needs to be a regular caseload commitment to anaesthesia and participation in ongoing CPD in the field of anaesthesia. This includes areas of subspecialty anaesthesia practice, such as paediatrics and obstetrics.

The JCCA CPD Standard defines the minimum recommended requirement for all general practitioners providing anaesthesia services.

The JCCA CPD Standard parallels the ANZCA CPD Standard for ‘Practice Evaluation’ and ‘Emergency Responses’ training.

As from 1 January 2017, the JCCA's statement of completion of training has a currency of three years, dependent on successful completion of the JCCA CPD Standard.
How does the JCCA CPD program work?

The JCCA CPD Standard involves satisfying the RACGP Quality Improvement and Continuing Professional Development (QI&CPD) program and/or the ACRRM Professional Development (PDP) program, plus:

1. Two Practice Evaluation activities directly related to the practice of clinical anaesthesia, (Table 1) and
2. Two Emergency Response activities, (Table 1)

Activities which have been approved as meeting the JCCA CPD Standard requirements by each individual College can be claimed from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019.

Alternatively, JCCA CPD Standard certification will also be awarded on confirmed completion of the ANZCA CPD Program.
Table 1 – JCCA CPD Standard requirements

| JCCA CPD 2017–19 triennium mandatory requirements |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| **ANZCA**                       | **RACGP**                       | **ACRRM**                       |
| Requirement 1                   | Requirement 1                   | Requirement 1                   |
|   » Two from the following four |   » Two Practice Evaluation activities |   » Two Practice Evaluation activities |
|   Practice Evaluation activities|   as per the prescribed ANZCA   |   as per the prescribed ANZCA   |
|   Note: that one activity may be|   Practice Evaluation requirement |   Practice Evaluation requirement |
|   completed twice               |   *(or equivalent)*             |   *(or equivalent)*             |
|   ◦ Patient experience survey   |   * RACGP equivalent activities to the |   ** ACRRM equivalent activities to |
|                                 |   ANZCA Practice Evaluation activities |   the ANZCA Practice Evaluation activities are listed below: |
|                                 |   » Clinical audit (directly related to clinical anaesthesia) |   » Clinical audit of own practice or significant input into group audit of practice |
|                                 |   » Supervised clinical attachment (done by a specialist anaesthetist) |   » Supervised clinical attachment |
|                                 |   » The plan, do, study, act cycle (PDSA) directly related to clinical anaesthesia. |   » Multi-source feedback (directly related to clinical anaesthesia) |
| Requirement 2                   | Requirement 2                   | Requirement 2                   |
|   » Two of the following four   |   » Two Emergency responses as per the prescribed ANZCA Emergency Responses requirement (or equivalent) |   » Two Emergency responses as per the prescribed ANZCA Emergency Responses requirement (or equivalent) |
|   Emergency responses activities|   Note: An RACGP accredited Advanced Life Support course can be substituted for the Management of cardiac arrest course |   Note: An ACRRM accredited Advanced Life Support course can be substituted for the Management of cardiac arrest course |
|   Note: that one activity may be |   Management of major haemorrhage (known as Critical Bleeding) can be completed via the BloodSafe eLearning Australia portal |   Management of major haemorrhage (known as Critical Bleeding) can be completed via the BloodSafe eLearning Australia portal |
|   completed twice, at least twelve months apart | | |
|   ◦ Management of ‘can’t intubate, can’t oxygenate’ | | |
|   ◦ Management of cardiac arrest | | |
|   ◦ Management of anaphylaxis | | |
|   ◦ Management of major haemorrhage (known as Critical Bleeding) | | |

**Further information** RACGP racgp.org.au  ACRRM acrrm.org.au  ANZCA anzca.edu.au
Enrolment in the JCCA CPD Program

Enrolment with the JCCA is not compulsory and general practitioners providing anaesthesia services can complete the JCCA CPD requirements by participating in their own College CPD program (ACRRM, RACGP or ANZCA).

**CATEGORIES**

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<td>General practitioners providing anaesthesia services who are holders of a JCCA letter of satisfactory completion of training (or equivalent) - completion of the ongoing registration form.</td>
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For the purposes of participation in the CPD program the JCCA does not evaluate an individual’s initial training or current competency.

Completion of the JCCA CPD Standard results in the issue of a certificate of CPD completion by one of the colleges. It does not infer that a practitioner is up-to-date and fit to practise.

Any decision, approval, consent, or the exercise of any discretion, by the JCCA will be considered on a case–by–case basis, having regard to the particular circumstances of each case. Notwithstanding these requirements the JCCA may exercise or dispense other decisions in extraordinary circumstances. Any such decision, approval, consent or exercise of discretion will not be binding on any other or future decisions or set any precedent for other or future decisions regarding the CPD Standard requirements.
How to enrol

Enrolment requires evidence of anaesthesia training, qualifications, recency of practice and a curriculum vitae. Enrolment forms are to be returned to:

» JCCA Secretariat, 100 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002 or via email to jcc@racgp.org.au

An invoice will be issued when the enrolment is approved.

The enrolment form is available in electronic format. However, the completed form must be signed in pen not electronically.

The JCCA can also provide guidelines and advice to the three colleges on the adjudication of anaesthesia activities if required.

JCCA CPD program fee payable

The fee payable is:

- Enrolment $345.00
- GST $34.50
- Total fee $379.50

The fee is due from general practitioners providing anaesthesia services seeking confirmation of completion of the CPD Standard regardless of which college’s program is undertaken and is additional to fees paid to any of the three colleges’ programs. The JCCA sets this fee to cover the administrative work involved, and to support the ongoing development of the training curriculum and standards in the area of general practitioner anaesthesia.

Receipt of enrolments

Enrolment forms are forwarded to the JCCA secretariat for consideration by the JCCA. Confirmation of eligibility for enrolment is decided at the commencement of each triennium. Following assessment, general practitioners providing anaesthesia services will be advised of the decision concerning their participation.

The RACGP QI&CPD unit and the ACRRM PDP will be advised of the anaesthesia requirements for general practitioners providing anaesthesia services as they enrol for reporting purposes.

The ANZCA CPD program does not require notification that a general practitioner providing anaesthesia services is participating in the program at the time of enrolment.
Adjudication process

**ANZCA**

The [ANZCA CPD program](#) is conducted by the ANZCA CPD department. This program is triennial, and only offered in electronic form.

At the conclusion of each triennium, ANZCA CPD participants who are also registered with the JCCA program need to provide a copy of the certificate of completion from ANZCA to the JCCA Secretariat. This is then recorded as equivalent for program completion.

**The RACGP**

Applications for adjudication in the RACGP QI&CPD program are submitted to the RACGP QI&CPD national and state offices. The QI&CPD Coordinators assess each activity for its educational component and anaesthesia content. The anaesthesia content is adjudicated according to QI&CPD criteria. Applications for anaesthesia points which fall outside the guidelines will be forwarded to the JCCA for adjudication.

Anaesthesia CPD points are recorded on an ongoing basis throughout the triennium and are reflected in the credit points statement issued by the RACGP.

**ACRRM**

Adjudication by the ACRRM PDP is conducted through a mixture of self recording with evidence of attendance, and notification by education providers.

ACRRM will provide a certificate at the end of triennium stating that the JCCA standard has been achieved for those ACRRM members who complete the requirements as outlined in this document.
Credit points statements

ANZCA
For general practitioners providing anaesthesia services participating in the program via the ANZCA CPD program, points will be recorded when a copy of the written notification of completion from ANZCA is provided by the GPA.

The RACGP
For general practitioners providing anaesthesia services participating via the RACGP QI&CPD program their credit points statement will detail the anaesthesia activities on the statement.

ACRRM
For GPs participating in the program via the ACRRM PDP program, points will be recorded when notification is received from ACRRM. As this may not be until the end of the triennium, general practitioners providing anaesthesia services should check with the ACRRM office for information on the total points accrued for anaesthesia.

Privacy considerations

Declaration
The information provided to the JCCA by a general practitioner providing anaesthesia services is subject to privacy legislation and will not be used for any purpose other than reporting CPD Standard participation and reporting on anaesthesia points between the GP’s preferred provider (the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA), The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) or the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM)) and the JCCA.

If a request is received from a GP in writing, the JCCA can provide information on participation to an anaesthesia locum service.
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**Note:** The table lists various acronyms and their definitions relevant to the context of continuing professional development (CPD) in the medical field.
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