

Joint Consultative Committee on Anaesthesia (CPD) Standard 2020-22 Frequently Asked Questions

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1. How do I submit my activities for the JCCA CPD Standard?

- **RACGP CPD program –**

For an RACGP member who wishes to participate in the JCCA CPD Standard they will register and submit their anaesthesia CPD activities as usual to the RACGP state CPD unit requesting adjudication for anaesthesia CPD Standard points. When adjudicated for anaesthesia then these points will appear in the RACGP’s credit points statement.

Enquiries to the [state RACGP CPD office](#).

- **ACRRM PDP program –**

ACRRM members should complete their activities via their ACRRM PD portfolio. Anaesthetics activities will appear on member statements issued by ACRRM.

- **Non-members of ANZCA, the RACGP and ACRRM –**

Non-members of any of the three colleges can register with the RACGP for their CPD Standard activities to be adjudicated for the triennium. A fee will be payable. There is a registration form to complete on the website which is to be emailed to the relevant [state RACGP CPD office](#), following which an invoice will be issued.

2. What are the requirements?

For GPs participating in the JCCA CPD Standard the requirement is to complete two Practice evaluation activities and two Emergency responses activities. ANZCA recommends that GPs follow the principle of completing activities that are as close as possible to those that their specialist anaesthetists complete for their CPD triennium. These are listed in the ANZCA column and the names link to the explanations of what is involved in each activity. This is to help GPs work out whether their activity is comparable as some of the ANZCA activities may not be available or relevant for GPs to complete in their practice environment.

3. Are there any equivalents to the ANZCA activities that I can complete?

The RACGP and ACRRM felt it was important that their members have the option of an equivalent to some of the ANZCA CME activities so they worked on looking at their current programs to provide a list of activities which they considered to be equivalent to the ANZCA activities. These are listed in Table 1 of the JCCA CPD Standard Handbook.

4. How do the Practice Evaluation activities work?

A GP can complete two activities following the lines of the ANZCA prescribed CME activities as listed in the ANZCA column in Table 1 or an equivalent. A total of two to be completed.

For the two Practice evaluation activities (Requirement 1), Clinical audit, supervised clinical attachment and the PDSA cycle are considered equivalent by the RACGP CPD program so GPs can complete two of these activities.

The ACRRM equivalent activities are Clinical audit, clinical attachment, Multi-source feedback, observation of clinical practice (peer review), case-based discussion (peer review – cumulative six hour block) and maintain and reflect on procedural logbook.

5. Which Emergency Responses activities should I complete?

- GPs need to complete two Emergency responses activities (Requirement 2). There are ANZCA recommended courses in which you can enrol such as the Management of CICO or Anaphylaxis. An alternative for the Management of Cardiac arrest course is that an RACGP or ACRRM accredited ALS course can be completed. Rural Emergency Skills Training (REST) would also meet the criteria for an Emergency response activity.
- The Management of major haemorrhage ([Critical bleeding](#)) and [Postpartum Haemorrhage](#) can be completed via the [BloodSafe eLearning Australia portal](#). Only one online activity can be completed during the triennium.

Completion of the Emergency Management of Severe Trauma (EMST) course includes the Major Haemorrhage ER responses activity. In this case it is completed face-to-face during the course and not through the BloodSafe eLearning Australia portal.

- ANZCA accredited an ER activity for one year from 6 April 2020, at which time accreditation will be reassessed - [COVID-19 airway management Emergency response education session](#). This activity is available for the rural GPAs who participate in the Joint Consultative Committee on Anaesthesia (JCCA CPD Standard 20-22 if they completed it after 6 April 2020, which was the date of release by ANZCA. Course providers (usually a hospital) do not need to apply to ANZCA to have this workshop approved. Although ANZCA advises providers and GPA/FANZCAs that the onus is on them to ensure their workshop meets the required standard, and if it does, they are able to claim it as an ER activity.

[Link to FAQ re COVID-19 and CPD](#)

This activity is equivalent to all emergency response activities such as CICO, anaphylaxis etc. By way of clarification this means that it is equivalent to only one ER activity, but it can be any one from the list of four in the handbook.

6. Can I do two emergency responses at the same course?

For GPs completing the ANZCA ER activities they may find that they can do multiple individual courses at a single conference. As long as they have not already claimed that course in the previous 12 months, they can each be claimed.

Another situation might be something like the EMAC course which is a single event that runs for two days, during which the learning objectives for both CICO and Cardiac Arrest are covered. As such, ANZCA recognises the single course as qualifying for both these ERs.

7. Can I complete the same activity twice in the one triennium?

The same activity can be completed twice in a triennium.

For a clinical audit it is recommended that this be a different audit to the first.

8. What documentation do I need to complete to submit to my program if I complete an ANZCA prescribed CPD activity?

- **RACGP CPD program –**

An RACGP participant (or non-member) in the JCCA's CPD Standard can enquire with the relevant [state RACGP CPD office](#) re the documentation to complete.

- **ACRRM PDP program –**

Attendance at a relevant ACRRM accredited activity (eg ALS, REST, etc) is automatically recorded against requirements.

If an ACCRM participant attends an unaccredited activity, they will need to add the activity to their online PD portfolio, specifying that it be assessed for anaesthetics points and attach their certificate of attendance.

9. Are my JCCA CPD Standard points for anaesthesia activities counted towards my main program points for the triennium?

- **RACGP CPD program –**

Yes, points will be able to be counted for both the RACGP CPD program and the JCCA CPD Standard.

- **ACRRM PDP program –**

Yes, points will apply in the general PDP categories as well as anaesthetics categories.

10. Is a certificate of completion issued?

A certificate of completion will be issued to GPs by their college providing all requirements have been met.

11. Can I complete a course with anaesthesia content and claim points?

Not all anaesthesia courses will be able to be counted towards the JCCA's CPD Standard requirement. Exceptions will be –

- If the course provider has included Emergency responses activities within the course
- If the course includes a face-to-face simulation component. Simulation in this context may mean bench top training or use of simple mannequins in a local department, not necessarily fully immersive mannequin-based simulation in a simulation centre.

This course must follow the ANZCA ER accredited course guidelines for running an ER session. If this has been done, an ANZCA ER code will be included in the certificate of completion provided by the course organiser.

It is recommended that a GPA should enquire with the course provider prior to registering for the course if it includes a session which is accredited by ANZCA as an ER accredited course.

12. What is the minimum length of a clinical attachment?

- **RACGP CPD program –**
A minimum of 10 hours. Completion of the SCA form on the RACGP’s website is required.
- **ACRRM PDP program –**
A minimum of six hours. ACRRM members should complete their activities via their ACRRM PD portfolio. Anaesthetics activities will appear on member statements issued by ACRRM.

13. Where can I find more information about accredited activities?

- **RACGP CPD program –**
Information about approved activities, accredited for anaesthesia, is available on the RACGP website through the [find a course](#) search engine or contact your State Faculty CPD team.
- **ACRRM PDP program –**
Accredited activities appear on this [search page](#) of the ACRRM website and can be filtered to display Anaesthetics activities in the MOPs points section, or contact the PDP team.

To access the handbook and associated documentation, visit the [JCCA’s website](#).

Appendix 1: Information on courses eligible and ineligible for JCCA CPD Standard points

Type of activity	Adjudication
Major courses, eg Simulator courses, and emergency medicine courses	It is not anticipated that anaesthesia courses previously claimed for the Maintenance of Professional Standards program will be able to count towards the JCCA's CPD Standard requirement even if they include simulation. An exception will be if the course provider has included ANZCA accredited Emergency response activities within the course.
ALS courses	<p>An RACGP or ACRRM accredited ALS course can be completed instead of the ANZCA Management of Cardiac Arrest course.</p> <p>Examples are –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Australian Resuscitation Council (ARC) ALS 1 and 2 (or any courses accredited by the ARC) 2. ACRRM Rural Emergency Skills Training (REST) course 3. Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS). <p>The RACGP's CPD guidelines for adjudication of ALS courses include the requirement for registrars to complete the following as part of their ALS requirement –</p> <p>Early management of trauma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify potential neck injury in trauma patient • Stabilisation of neck. <p>There are some courses which may be labelled ALS courses and appear to have appropriate simulation involved that may not be appropriate for JCCA CPD Standard points, eg a Neonatal Advanced Life Support Update Program. This may be appropriate for paediatric or obstetrics points but not for anaesthesia, even with simulation activity involved.</p>
Clinical audit	<p>The intent of the CPD audit is to examine an aspect of the GP's clinical practice, either as an individual or a group.</p> <p>To meet the Practice evaluation requirement, two audits can be completed within the same triennium if they are structured in a different way. However, it may be advisable to consider one audit and one procedural activity such as an SCA. An exception to this could be if the GP audits their practice, makes a change, and readout, in which case they can do exactly the same one again.</p>
Supervised clinical attachments	<p>Supervised clinical attachments (SCA) must be a minimum of 10 hands-on hours (RACGP) recommended to be with a specialist supervisor or six hands-on hours (ACRRM).</p> <p>To meet the Practice evaluation requirement, two SCAs can be completed within the same triennium. These can be at the same hospital with the same supervisor as caseloads will vary each time.</p>
Repeated activities	If GPs attend the same activity twice during the triennium (eg EMST course) full points are allocated for each attendance.
Completion of more than one ANZCA prescribed Emergency responses activities – CICO, Cardiac Arrest, Anaphylaxis and	<p>For GPs completing the ANZCA ER activities they may find that they can do multiple individual courses at a single conference.</p> <p>One example is the EMAC course which is a single event that runs for two days, during which the learning objectives for both CICO and Cardiac Arrest are</p>

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Major Haemorrhage – at a single conference/meeting	covered. As such, ANZCA recognises the single course as qualifying for both these ERs.
Alternative to ANZCA ER responses course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Management of Severe Trauma (EMST) The EMST course is equivalent to completion of the Major Haemorrhage ER activity as a session is included. Note: In this case Major Haemorrhage will be completed face-to-face during the course, not as an online activity through the BloodSafe eLearning Australia portal. • Effective Management of Anaesthetic Crises (EMAC) Completion of the EMAC course counts as two ER responses: CICO and Cardiac Arrest. • PROMPT – PROMPT Train the Trainer – RANZCOG prompt@ranzcog.edu.au Although the PROMPT course has not been formally recognised by ANZCA as an Emergency response course, the JCCA will accept it as completion of one of the ER activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Either Management of Cardiac Arrest/ advanced life support or Major Haemorrhage. • EMET Trauma Masterclass, if the course providers followed the ANZCA standards for ER accredited activities which included scenario based/ simulation on managing major haemorrhage: Equivalent Management of Major Haemorrhage. • Some procedural Anaesthetics conferences or refresher courses may include ANZCA accredited ER session. GPAs should check with the course organiser prior to registration. • The Rural Emergency Skills Program (RESP) is equivalent to one ER: Management of Cardiac Arrest. • Ultrasound courses are generally only eligible for general anaesthesia points only. • Emergency Trauma Management (ETM): Includes one ANZCA ER activity: Management of Major Haemorrhage. • Presenting and teaching at an ANZCA approved CPD emergency response course (only once in a 12 month period).