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Quality Pānui – January 2025



Welcome to the January 2025 Quality Pānui!

We hope you had a restorative holiday period and enjoyed spending time with your friends and whānau across the motu.

This month we would like to highlight:

- Foundation Standard post assessment dialogue
- Foundation Standard updates
- CQI and Equity reaccreditation updates
- Facilitator training – NEW March sessions
- Removing Smartsheet expiry alert banner
- Assessor spotlight: Rene Wilson
- Cornerstone competition
- AI in primary care survey
- First College research funding round for 2025 open
- Update to ACLS requirements
- Seeking feedback on updated health privacy documents

Please email us at quality@rnzcgp.org.nz if there are any items you would like us to cover in the next newsletter. We enjoy receiving your feedback and if there is anything we can assist you with please let us know.

The Quality Programmes Team

Foundation Standard post assessment dialogue

Post assessment dialogue (PAD) refers to the time between the site visit and the assessor submitting the assessment to the College.

It is recommended that assessors and practices work together to complete their PAD within four—six weeks.

What are the impacts of a lengthy PAD period?

Some of the risks and impacts include:

- a delay in Foundation Standard certification which could impact a practice hosting a GP registrar
- needing to refresh evidence which is time bound (dated) such as training, audits and certificates and policies
- cost increases for practices because of extra assessment time
- increased time burden on practices redoing evidence.

In our previous Pānui's we mentioned the introduction of a three month limit to the PAD as of 1 January 2025.

Foundation Standard updates

Whenever the Quality Programmes Team adds new guidance to assist practices in their Foundation Standard certification journey, the updates are listed on our website. You can view all changes from 2022 onwards.

The latest updates were made in December 2024, and we recommend viewing them. Each update heading now includes direct links to the relevant sections of the Standard.

[View the updates page](#). You can also navigate to the updates by visiting the Foundation Standard section on our website and scrolling down to this button:



CQI and Equity reaccreditation updates

Continuous quality improvement (CQI) reaccreditation module

The CQI reaccreditation module was piloted between June and September 2024, with 13 practices successfully completing the process and earning their CQI reaccreditation.

Feedback from both the pilot practices and their assessors led to significant improvements, creating a module that enhances the accreditation experience while adding greater value to quality improvement initiatives.

We're excited to announce that the CQI reaccreditation module will officially launch on 11 February 2025, and be available for purchase. We will promote the new module through the College's usual communication channels.

Equity reaccreditation module

After several drafts and valuable collaboration with our advisors, the pilot version of the Equity reaccreditation module is now in the hands of eight pilot practices selected following an expression of interest process. Over the next four months, these practices will work through the module with the support of our team.

Once the pilot is complete and assessments are conducted, we'll gather feedback, make any necessary adjustments, and continue collaborating with our advisors to refine the module. Our goal is to have the

final version ready for its official launch in July 2025.

Facilitator training: NEW March sessions

The Quality Programmes Team has trained over 180 Foundation Standard Facilitators across PHOs and general practices. As the programme has been so successful, this will now be an ongoing learning tool.

The two upcoming practice sessions will be held on 4 and 6 March, and there will be one for PHO staff on 13 March.

Please [share this link](#) with any staff you feel would benefit from taking the course, and we will contact everyone on the list in the next two weeks.

Please contact quality@rnzcgp.org.nz if you have any questions about the training course.

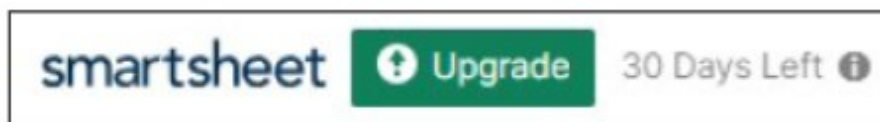
Removing Smartsheet expiry alert banner

Practices may see an alert banner in Smartsheet stating that their account will expire in 30 days. Please be assured your assessment will not be erased.

Your assessment has been created under the College license., Smartsheet sometimes provides users with a free trial of their advanced services should they wish to use the platform for other projects independent of the College.

If you receive the alert, you can either let the 30 days expire, or you can simply turn it off.

For instructions on how to turn it off, please view page six of our [Smartsheet how-to guide](#).



Assessor spotlight: Rene Wilson

Rene Wilson is a new College endorsed assessor for Foundation Standard.

Living in Paihia with a stunning ocean view from his office window, Rene brings fresh experience to the assessor pool.

During his interview we learn about one of his surprising talents, his fascinating previous roles, and the incredible achievement of his practice during the pandemic.

[Read Rene's full interview](#)



Complete a Cornerstone module: go in the draw to win one of five \$700 Amtech Medical Vouchers

The Quality Programmes team are running a promotion until the end of March 2025. Practices need to complete either the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) or Equity module accreditation for a chance to win one of five \$700 Amtech Medical vouchers.

Our September, October and November winners have been drawn, but we still have upcoming draws in February and March 2025. If you have any questions about this promotion, please email the [Quality Programmes team](#).

The November winner was Avondale Family Doctor for their Equity module. They will be featured in the February issue of GP Voice which will go out next Wednesday 5 February.

[Find out more about the CQI and/or Equity module today.](#)



Complete either the Continuous Quality Improvement or Equity module as part of your Cornerstone accreditation for a chance to win one of five \$700 Amtech Medical vouchers for your practice.

To find out more about the Cornerstone module go to:
rnzcgp.org.nz/running-a-practice

Promotion ends March 2025

AI in primary care survey

The AI in Primary Care Working Group's second '[AI in Primary Care survey](#)' is now live.

The nine-question survey is designed for all healthcare workers in primary care, including those who are not currently using AI.

The insights gathered will help them better understand AI usage in primary care and identify key areas for improvement.



First research funding round for 2025 open

The College's first of three research funding rounds is now open until **Wednesday 5 March 2025**. Funding is available to support research and education that benefits general practice, rural general practice, and rural hospital medicine. Grants are typically in the range of \$5,000 - \$20,000 for individual applications, although up to \$40,000 can be awarded. You do not need to be a doctor or member of the College to apply so please pass this on to your peers or colleagues who may be interested.

[View the guidelines, terms of reference and application form.](#)

Clarification on the ACLS requirements

Recently College members received a message clarifying the changes to the Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) requirements including what they mean for members and when they come into effect.

In summary, last year the College undertook a review of the ACLS requirements to ensure all resuscitation training follows best practice, provides a high standard of training for members and reflects our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of patients.

Upon review, we recognised that some of the courses (CORE Skills and other refresher courses) were not meeting the above requirements. The introduction of a six-hour (minimum) contact time is the equivalent of the CORE immediate or above ACLS courses, which include an assessment, and will ensure all members receive training that is thorough and of a high standard.

We acknowledge there will be members who have already booked in to complete a CORE Skills or Refresher course in the coming days/weeks. **Therefore, the commencement date of requiring new ACLS certification to be CORE immediate or above will be 1 June 2025.**

All current resuscitation certificates remain valid for the period they have been issued for, and members can complete an approved ACLS CORE immediate course or above once their current certificate has expired. However, the College does encourage members to complete an approved ACLS course as soon as possible.

[View the updated ACLS endorsement criteria.](#)

Seeking feedback on updated health privacy documents

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner (OPC) is seeking feedback from GPs and other primary healthcare workers on their updated '[Health on the Road](#)' guidance and updated [Health Information Privacy Code \(HIPC\) fact sheet](#).

They are especially keen to hear from people who are regularly working outside their clinics. Have they missed anything? Do you need more detail? Are there privacy issues you're constantly coming up against that could be covered here?

Email your feedback to emma.mccleary@privacy.org.nz before **Friday 14 February**.



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