



Practice Equipment

It is essential that Practices have the necessary equipment to provide comprehensive primary care and resuscitation.

It is also now essential that Practices have timely access to a Spirometer and Electrocardiograph, if they do not already keep one at the Practice.

RACGP Standards

5.2.1 *Our practice has access to medical equipment necessary to ensure comprehensive primary care and resuscitation.*

Assessment methods

- Interviews with practitioners and support staff

GPs shall be able to explain during an interview the procedures commonly performed at the Practice and demonstrate that available equipment is sufficient for those procedures. Staff shall also describe how they are able to access a Spirometer and Electrocardiograph, if not already kept on site.

- Direct observation of practice equipment

Surveyors will directly observe that all essential equipment is available at the Practice. Staff shall describe how they are able to access a Spirometer and Electrocardiograph, if not on site

Surveyors will also review (if not returned to GPA office for assessment) the Practice Equipment Maintenance Schedule - 5.2.1D.

Meeting the standards

The Practice shall have equipment for comprehensive primary care and resuscitation including:

Auriscopes	blood glucose monitoring system
disposable syringes and needles	equipment for resuscitation
equipment for maintaining an airway	equipment to assist ventilation
IV access	emergency medicines
examination light	eye examination equipment
gloves	height measurement device
measuring tape	monofilament for sensation testing
torch	ophthalmoscope
oxygen	patella hammer
peak flow meter or spirometer	scales
spacer for inhaler	specimen collection equipment
sphygmomanometer	stethoscope
urine testing strips	stethoscope
thermometer	tourniquet
x-ray viewing facilities.	vaginal speculae
	visual acuity charts, and

If an Electrocardiograph and Spirometer are not kept on site practices should determine what they believe to be reasonable timely access, record this and ensure all staff understand this determination and how access is achieved.

A maintenance schedule shall be recorded and monitored for all the Practice key equipment. Equipment that requires calibration or that is electric or battery powered eg. autoclaves, vaccine fridges, scales etc need to be serviced regularly to ensure they continue to be in good working order. It is an important risk management policy to constantly check equipment and ensure that it is ready for use and in working order when it is required. The maintenance schedule shall include the Spirometer and Electrocardiograph if the Practice keeps these on site.

Best practice:

- Available equipment is sufficient for all practice needs.
- All equipment is regularly maintained and recorded as such.
- The practice possesses or has timely access to an Electrocardiograph and Spirometer