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## **Accreditation provider launches interactive online program to further ease the load on busy general practices**

One of Australia's leading providers of general practice accreditation services, GPA ACCREDITATION *plus* (GPA), has launched significant advancements to its already popular accreditation program.

Set to go live on 20 April 2009, Accreditation Plus (A+) is a new interactive online accreditation program designed to give practices another option for completing their preliminary documentation, at the same time as providing the personal support for which GPA has become known.

"Since our inception GPA has been committed to making the accreditation process as simple and as streamlined as possible, while assisting practices to adopt and maintain ongoing quality improvements," said Program Manager GPA ACCREDITATION *plus* Miriam Crane. "Attaining accreditation shouldn't be a daunting process – in fact it should be highly rewarding as it acknowledges and highlights the achievements of a well run practice.

"A+ will not take the place of our current paper-based system – it will simply provide practices with the choice to complete their accreditation package online. The beauty of this program is that our head office staff are also linked to each practice's A+ page so they can assist them and provide ongoing support for practices along the way in preparation for their survey visit," said Ms Crane.

A+ will include security-coded logins and an option for practices to complete their own self-assessment, as well as receive a comprehensive accreditation report once documentation has been lodged with GPA, prior to their survey visit.

GPA was established in 1998 to give general practice an alternative accreditation provider. GPA was the first to provide practices with a modular program of assessment; a personal client manager to assist them through the accreditation process; as well as a staggered payment system.

"It is our aim to be the provider of choice for quality practices in Australia – those that appreciate choice and value the true benefits of accreditation," said Ms Crane.

General practices can register for an A+ seven day free trial at <https://www.gpa.net.au/pages/Accounts/SignUp> or practices can contact GPA on 1800 188 088.

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