


### 1.4 Diagnosis and management of health problems




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## Today's agenda

- 1.4.1 Consistent evidence based practice
- 1.4.2 Clinical autonomy for general practitioners
- Meeting the Standards

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## Criterion 1.4.1

**Consistent evidence based practice**  
 'Our practice has a consistent approach for the diagnosis and management of conditions affecting patients in accordance with best available evidence'

CONSISTENCY IS THE KEY!



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## Best available evidence

**Clinical Practice Guidelines**



Clinical guidelines & resources

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Health inequalities

**Focus on health inequalities**

National guide to a preventive health assessment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Second edition

[www.racgp.org.au/your-practice/guidelines/national-guide/](http://www.racgp.org.au/your-practice/guidelines/national-guide/)

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Consistency & communication



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Criterion 1.4.2

Clinical autonomy for general practitioners

'Our practice ensures that all GPs in our practice can exercise autonomy in decisions that affect clinical care'



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## Clinical autonomy

- GPs are free to determine:
- the appropriate clinical care of their patients
  - the specialists and other health professionals to whom they refer
  - the pathology, diagnostic, imaging & other investigations they order and the provider they use
  - how and when they schedule follow up appointments with patients
  - whether to accept new patients

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## Professional and ethical obligations

AMA Code of Ethics (2004),  
Editorially Revised 2006  
<https://ama.com.au/position-statement/ama-code-ethics-2004-editorially-revised-2006>



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## Meeting the Standards

1.4.1A/ Our clinical team uses current clinical guidelines relevant to general practice to assist in the diagnosis and management of our patients.



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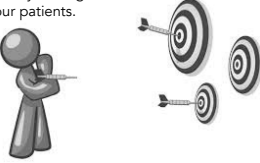
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### Meeting the Standards

1.4.1B/ Our clinical team can describe how we ensure consistency of diagnosis and management of our patients.



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### Meeting the Standards

1.4.1C/ Our clinical team can demonstrate how we communicate about clinical issues and support systems within our practice.



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### Meeting the Standards

1.4.1D/ Our clinical team can explain how we access and use specific clinical guidelines for patients who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.



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## Meeting the Standards

1.4.2/ Our practice ensures that all GPs in our practice can exercise autonomy in "decisions that affect clinical care".



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## Question time



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<p>1.5.1 &amp; 1.5.2 Continuity of care and clinical handover</p>	<p>The survey visit and common non-conformities</p>	<p>1.6 Coordination of care</p>
<p>Wednesday September 7 at 12pm (AEST)</p>	<p>Tuesday September 13 at 1pm (AEST)</p>	<p>Thursday September 22 2pm (AEST)</p>

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