

Accreditation Support Information for General Practice

What is General Practice Accreditation ?

In the early 1990's it was proposed by government and professional organisations that an independent and voluntary system of practice accreditation be established to promote quality care in general practices.

Continuous quality improvement acknowledges the need for primary health care providers to continually improve, upgrade and monitor services the practice provides to ultimately produce better health outcomes for patients.

General Practices are assessed for accreditation against the RACGP Standards for General Practices.

Accreditation bodies

There are two recognised accreditation bodies in Australia that practices may choose to register with for accreditation.

[AGPAL \(Australian General Practice Accreditation Limited\)](#)

[GPA \(General Practice Accreditation\)](#)

Both organisations use a system of peer review, provide access to resources and charge a fee for registering.

Practice Incentive Program (PIP)

Accreditation is the entry point for the Australian Government Practice Incentive Program. Practices can start accessing [PIP payments](#) once they have registered for accreditation.

NDGP Support

NDGP can support your practice to undertake accreditation or re-accreditation as follows:

- Sample policies, procedures and documents
- Assistance with self-assessment software
- A mock accreditation visit

What costs are involved?

This service is currently funded by NDGP and is provided to local practices free of charge.

Who can I contact with questions?

For more information contact Tracy Forsythe, on **4721 1150**.