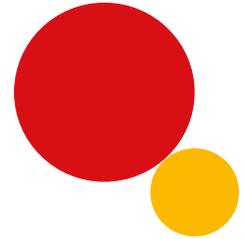


# Advancing Clinical Audit Course



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## Aims

The aims of the course are to help staff who are supporting clinical audit to develop competence and confidence in:

- identifying and proactively working with stakeholders on clinical audit
- designing a clinical audit precisely, including phrasing the objective properly, deciding on the number and type of cases to include, formulating the measures of quality of patient care carefully, and providing for reliable data collection
- presenting preliminary clinical audit findings correctly to clinical staff to encourage peer review of cases not meeting quality expectations and facilitate improvements in practice
- helping staff to act effectively on the findings of a clinical audit.

## Learning objectives

The objectives of the course are to help staff who are supporting a clinical audit to:

- decide exactly what the key stakeholders want to achieve by doing a particular clinical audit
- define exactly what aspects of quality of care the audit will focus on and develop objectives for an audit that express intentions to improve patient care
- formulate meaningful measures of quality for an audit, including providing for exceptions and operational definitions
- prescribe data collection processes properly to provide credible data
- collate and report data for a clinical audit properly using measure-by-measure and all-or-none compliance models
- facilitate the analysis of audit findings to identify causes of problems and exact improvements needed
- plan how to work with clinical and management staff to implement changes in practice to achieve improvements in patient care.

## Format

The course leader makes brief presentations on each stage in the process and leads the participants through the work needed to design and carry out a clinical audit with the intention of acting effectively on the findings of a clinical audit. The work is carried out by the participants working in small groups and as a whole.

## Materials

Each participant receives a 640–page *Clinical Audit Manual*, and other learning and reference materials. Certificates of completion of the course are provided.

## Certification

This course is Certified as conforming to Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements in the UK by the CPD Certification Service.