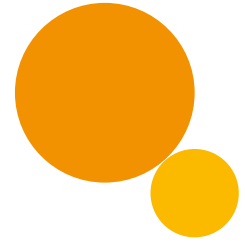


Using Clinical Audit to Improve Patient Care Course



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Aim

The course prepares staff to lead, carry out or support clinical audits in clinical services. It is aimed at working with clinical groups to achieve evidence of improvements in the quality of patient care, using the clinical audit process.

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Learning objectives

The course is designed to help participants develop competence and confidence in how to:

- explain to clinical colleagues how the clinical audit process should work and how it relates to the effectiveness of clinical care
- select the right subjects for clinical audit
- decide exactly why to do a particular audit and what is to be achieved by carrying out the audit
- use evidence of good clinical practice in designing clinical audits
- formulate measures of quality based on evidence of good clinical practice, as the basis for data collection
- develop data collection protocols and tools for clinical audits
- use descriptive statistics to analyse and present findings of data collection
- use statistical tools for analysing variations in practice
- support peer review of clinical audit findings with colleagues
- analyse causes of problems that are affecting the quality of care to find their causes
- select effective and feasible actions to achieve changes in clinical practice
- recognize and handle ethical issues related to clinical audit
- handle information governance issues related to clinical audit
- prepare and help others to prepare clinical audit reports.

The course covers both theory and practice. The course participants spend at least half the course time practising the how to's.

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Format

The course leader makes brief presentations and leads the participants through the work needed to achieve the stated objectives. The work is carried out by the participants working in small groups and as a whole.

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Materials

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

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Certification

This course is Certified as conforming to CPD requirements in the UK by The CPD Certification Service.

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