



Clinical Autonomy for General Practitioners

The practice will ensure that General Practitioners (GPs) are free, within the parameters of evidence-based care, to make decisions that affect the clinical care they provide, rather than having these decisions imposed upon them.

RACGP 4th Edition Standards

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

Assessment methods

- Interview with GPs

Surveyors will interview GPs to determine their right to exercise clinical autonomy within the parameters of evidence-based medicine.

- Document review of written policy

Meeting the standards

The practice will have a written policy confirming that autonomy in decisions made by the GPs is adhered to.

GPs will be free to choose the pathology or imaging provider, specialist or other health professional that they feel would benefit individual patient care. Appointment schedules and loads, supplies and equipment used within the practice should be discussed with GPs when they commence employment.