



PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE SCHEME

Faculty of Pathology, RCPI

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Chemical Pathology and Metabolism

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audit activity against appropriate CPA/ISO15189 standards - Audit appropriateness of laboratory testing practices and referrals - Audit aspects of clinical biochemistry service against best national international practice - Audit clinical activity against appropriate KPIs - Audit appropriate clinical interpretative EQA schemes 	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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Haematology

Category	Example Activities	Credits
<p>Clinical Audit</p> <p>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</p>	<p>Measurement of individual/departmental compliance with Professions Practice Guidelines/Protocols e.g. British Society of Haematology Guidelines</p> <p>Assessment of Quality of Anticoagulant Monitoring Services</p> <p>Assessment of appropriateness of laboratory testing practices</p> <p>Assessment of communication skills in use with referral physician base</p> <p>Audit of provision of timely laboratory test results and their access by referral base</p> <p>Evaluation of individual risk incidents/user complaints</p> <p>Measurement of compliance with External Quality Assurance Schemes</p>	<p>Minimum 1 audit per year.</p> <p>Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity</p>

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Histopathology - (including Cytopathology, Autopsy and Molecular Pathology)

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Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	Individual Audit	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity
	Inter institutional Consultation Intradepartmental Consultation Correlation of Frozen Section diagnosis with final diagnosis Cytological/Histological correlation & follow up Turnaround times	
	Department Audit Focused real time audit of previous negative cases Random & focused audit of Autopsies Audit of report completeness Audit of Laboratory based non-conformances Turnaround times Measurement of compliance with Guidelines for the Implementation of a National QA Programme in Histopathology	

Information on Recording and Documenting Clinical Audit Activities in Histopathology

Clinical Audit activities are recorded in local Laboratory Information Systems in real time. A Central Data Repository for the receipt, storage, access and analysis of this data for all Histopathology laboratories in Ireland is in development. Once implemented, it will be possible to acquire a summary of clinical audit activities (as above) by individual and by department over a given period.

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Immunology (Clinical and Laboratory)

Category	Example Activities	Credits
<p>Clinical Audit</p> <p><i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i></p>	<p>Measurement of individual compliance with guidelines and protocols</p> <p>Double reading</p> <p>Simulator Training (incl. ACLS)</p> <p>Department/practice audit</p> <p>Individual practice review</p> <p>Evaluation of individual risk incidents/complaints</p> <p>Patient satisfaction</p> <p>Self-assessment</p> <p>Peer review</p>	<p>Minimum 1 audit per year.</p> <p>Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity</p>

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Microbiology

Category	Example Activities	Credits
<p>Clinical Audit</p> <p><i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i></p>	<p>Measurement of compliance with guidelines/protocols e.g., antimicrobial prescribing, eradication of MRSA, CVC</p> <p>Appropriateness of lab testing</p> <p>Turnaround times</p> <p>Appropriateness of interpretative comments on reports</p> <p>Correlation of empiric therapy and susceptibility results</p> <p>Audit of clinical advice given</p> <p>Audit of documentation of clinical advice</p> <p>Management of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> bloodstream infections</p>	<p>Minimum 1 audit per year.</p> <p>Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity</p>

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Neuropathology

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<p>Clinical Audit</p> <p><i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i></p>	<p>External Quality Assurance schemes e.g. British Neuropathological Society (BNS) and British Association of Ophthalmic Pathology (BAOP) schemes.</p> <p>Inter and intradepartmental joint case reviews and consultations</p> <p>Turnaround times for specific practices eg</p> <p>Brain examination reporting</p> <p>Biopsy reporting (urgent and non-urgent cases)</p> <p>Correlation of intraoperative and final diagnosis</p>	<p>Minimum 1 audit per year.</p> <p>Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity</p>

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