

WHAT'S CHANGED?

From 1 January 2019, the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) Colonoscopy Clinical Care Standards (CCCS) came into effect in Australia.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

For Hospital Managers:

From 1 January 2019, all hospitals, day surgeries and facilities providing colonoscopy in Australia will need to be accredited to the Colonoscopy Clinical Care Standard to comply with the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards.

To gain accreditation, all practitioners conducting colonoscopies at the facility must:

- Hold current certification or recertification; or
- Be in the process of obtaining certification, or recertification.

For Practitioners:

- You will need to have been certified or recertified within the past 3 years; or
- Be in the process of obtaining certification or recertification.

NB: There is a distinction in the criteria for Adult and Paediatric colonoscopy certification and recertification.

WHAT ACTION DO I NEED TO TAKE?

For Hospital Managers

- Ensure that all practitioners performing colonoscopies at your facility are certified or recertified.
- Check practitioner's current status on the colonoscopy recertification website at recert.gesa.org.au/recertifiedAU.php
- If not listed there check they are listed on the secure.gesa.org.au/certification/list; and view their issued certificate to ensure they are within the 3-year period required for compliance with the Standards.

For Practitioners

- Ensure that you have been certified or recertified.
- Undertake recertification every three years.
- If you have never been certified, you will first need to gain certification through CCRTGE in order to perform colonoscopies. There is an experienced practitioner pathway to do this via: <http://www.conjoint.org.au/>

To Gain Certification:

- Register online
- Set up logbook, specifying either 'Adult' or 'Paediatric'
- Arrange supervision
- Log procedures
- Demonstrate experience in prescribed procedures
- Submit logbooks for assessment by CCRTGE panel

To Gain Recertification:

- Be Certified
- Register online
- Set up logbooks, specifying either 'Adult' or 'Paediatric'
- Log procedures keeping access to necessary imagery and pathology reports
- When met criteria submit the on line logbook
- Undertake recertification every three years

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

NSQHS Standards: <https://nationalstandards.safetyandquality.gov.au/resources>

<http://www.conjoint.org.au/>

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