

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.

For a facility 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.

All colonoscopy providers in either private or public practice must:

- have been certified or recertified within the past three years or
- be in the process of obtaining certification or recertification.

NB: There is a distinction in the criteria between 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.
- A practitioner's current status may be checked on the colonoscopy recertification website at <https://recert.gesa.org.au/recertifiedAU.php>
- If the practitioner is not listed on the colonoscopy recertification website check if they are listed on the Conjoint Committee for Recognition of Training in Gastroenterology (CCRTGE) website at <http://secure.gesa.org.au/certification/list> (you will need to contact the practitioner to ask for their CCRTGE certificate to ensure that their training was recognised within the last three years as 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 recognition of your colonoscopy training through CCRTGE in order to perform colonoscopies. Refer to the CCRTGE website at <http://www.conjoint.org.au/> for information about what recognition pathways are available.

To gain recognition of your colonoscopy training:

- Register online with CCRTGE at <https://secure.gesa.org.au/certification/account/Login>
- Set up a logbook, specifying either 'Adult' or 'Paediatric'
- Arrange supervision
- Log procedures
- Demonstrate experience in prescribed procedures
- Submit logbooks for assessment by CCRTGE panel

To gain colonoscopy certification or recertification:

- Be recognised by CCRTGE
- Register online with the Colonoscopy Recertification Program at <https://recert.gesa.org.au> (if you have been CCRTGE recognized within the last three years you are eligible for immediate certification)
- Set up a logbook specifying either 'Adult' or 'Paediatric'
- Log procedures with supporting imagery and pathology reports
- Submit your logbook for review
- Undertake recertification every three years

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

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

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

<https://recert.gesa.org.au/>

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