



Fact Sheet: General Practice

Overview

- Unlike other specialties there are a number of recognised Fellowships in general practice.
- A practitioner may have specialist registration in general practice without a Fellowship, often referred to as vocational registration
- The scope of clinical practice (SoCP) in general practice is quite broad

Qualifications

- The following are common qualifications/Fellowships in general practice:
 - Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (FRACGP)¹
 - Fellowship of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (FACRRM)²
 - Fellowship in Advanced Rural General Practice (FARGP)³
 - Fellowship of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (FRNZCGP)⁴
- FRACGP may be awarded with the phrase '*ad eundem gradum*' on the certificate. This is a Fellowship which recognises an overseas qualification as equivalent. It is still equivalent to a standard FRACGP.⁵

SoCP wording

- It is important that the correct and complete phrase is used:
- General Practice
Unless otherwise specified, routine scope of clinical practice in General Practice includes emergency care, all primary care areas including geriatrics, paediatrics, palliative care, antenatal care, psychiatry, internal medicine, closed orthopaedics, care of health service inpatients, care of patients in Queensland Health Residential Aged Care Facilities, and primary and outpatient care.
- Should something be excluded this should be clearly stated in the SoCP. For example:
Excluding Intra-partum Care.
- All General Practitioners working in rural and remote Queensland facilities should complete an Advanced Life Support (or equivalent) course at least every 3 years.

¹ <http://www.racgp.org.au/home>

² <http://acrrm.org.au/>

³ Issued by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners

⁴ <https://www.rnzcgp.org.nz>

⁵ <http://www.racgp.org.au/education/fellowship/fellowship-of-the-racgp/policies/policies/fellowship-ad-eundem-gradum-requirements-for-fellowship-policy/>