



THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS
STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Dr John Smith
118 Terry Street
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Re: Field Test of Standards for General Practice

Dear Dr Smith,

The RACGP is conducting a field test of entry standards for general practice to determine their validity and reliability.

We need your help in this process. You have been selected as one of a random sample of 200 general practitioners throughout Australia. For our test to be valid and reliable, we must have a random sample and your participation will help us achieve this.

The results of this field test are crucial to the further development of general practice standards. It will allow a wide consensus to be developed in the profession regarding both the standards and methods of assessing standards. The standards development process and field testing are vital to the professional development of the discipline. The Standards Development Project is under the control of the profession through the RACGP Presidential Task Force on Standards.

The field test is of the standards and assessment process,- NOT of the general practitioners participating.

Participation will involve:

self evaluation using the RACGP Entry Standards for General Practice;
completion of questionnaires by the practice principals;
a visit to your practice by two GP colleagues (recruited through the College and divisions of general practice);
and an optional patient survey.

This will require the co-operation of all practice staff.

Participation in the field test will attract 20 QA&CE credit points in the practice assessment category. We expect that the field test will be approved by the RACGP

Ethics Committee. The RACGP has applied for the confidentiality of any data collected from your practice to be protected under Commonwealth Quality Assurance legislation.

A summary of the standards survey procedure and a copy of the standards are included with this letter.

We hope you will give this matter your serious consideration.

We have been unable to find a contact phone number for you. We would appreciate it if you would telephone our project staff on 008 807 172 (toll free) if you have any questions or if you are interested in participating in the field test.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Peter Stone
President RACGP