

Health Promotion and Preventative Care

An emphasis should be placed in practices on health promotion, preventive care, and early detection and intervention. Practices are encouraged to provide patients with illness prevention information, and should have up to date resources for both patients and staff available.

RACGP 4th Edition Standards

- 1.3.1** *Our practice provides health promotion, illness prevention and preventive care and a reminder system based on patient need and best available evidence.*

Assessment methods

- Interviews with practitioners and support staff

Surveyors will interview the GPs and clinical staff to determine how they present information to patients regarding health promotion and illness prevention. Surveyors will also assess the range of information and resources available for patients and staff at the Practice.

- Review of patient health records

Surveyors will review a selection of patient health records to see documented evidence that GPs provide information about health promotion and disease prevention. The use of reminder systems and registers should be evident also, subject to the patient's consent.

Meeting the Standards

The Practice will have available a range of printed materials such as posters, brochures, pamphlets or leaflets on a variety of health issues that might be of interest or relevance for patient care. Many practices now recommend the use of reputable internet sites also.

Practice GPs should document, in the patient health record, when they provide information about health promotion and disease prevention to patients, including the use of reminder systems and registers.

Best practice:

- The Practice is encouraged to have information available in a range of different languages, when appropriate.
- All health promotional / preventive care activities are recorded in the clinical notes.