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# Registrar Clinical Encounters in Training (ReCEnt)



# ReCEnT research project

## What is ReCEnT?

The Registrar Clinical Encounters in Training (ReCEnT) research project is a flagship general practice (GP) education and training project.

Funded by the Department of Health, the project began as a pilot in 2009 and has quickly grown to become a large collaborative venture with other Regional Training Organisations across Australia.

The ReCEnT project is the first of its kind to document Australian GP registrars' educational and clinical experience over time by measuring:

- what registrars do, the types of patients and conditions they see and the advice they provide
- how registrars' practice changes during their training.

## Why is ReCEnT important?

The reports generated by the project are invaluable to registrars, supervisors and practice managers in understanding registrars' experiences, for reflecting upon their experiences, and in gaining insight into areas of their practice that may need to change or improve.

Feedback reports are provided to participants and the data collected is analysed by the ReCEnT team at GP Synergy and their collaborators to provide insights into clinical and educational practice.

This includes:

- GP registrars
- GP supervisors
- Medical educators
- Australian and international experts in clinical and educational practice.

## How does ReCEnT work?

The project requires GP registrars to:

- complete encounter forms on which they record details of 60 consecutive consultations (this takes less than a minute for each consultation)
- repeat the process in each of their three terms.

GP registrars are provided with a Registrar Feedback Report that compares their data to the larger group of registrars and, in some cases, national GP data.

Registrars are strongly advised to share their feedback report with their supervisors. If registrars provide consent, a copy of their report can be sent directly to supervisors.

When a training practice has had at least five registrar-terms in ReCEnT, the supervisor and practice manager will receive an Annual Practice Report.

The project has ethics approval from the University of Newcastle. All circulation, collection and storage of data is managed in accordance with the project's ethics approval.

**"I realised I'd been neglecting to confirm if patients identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander ... I changed my practice and became much better at incorporating this screening into my everyday practice."**

**Emily – GP registrar**





## What are the benefits of ReCEnT for registrars?

The patients and conditions that GP registrars see can be highly variable between training practices and from one registrar to another.

To promote reflective practice, approximately three weeks after completing the encounter forms, GP registrars receive their Registrar Feedback Report. The report compares their practice with that of their peers in the following areas:

- patient demographics
- diagnoses
- test ordering practice
- prescribing
- continuity of care
- duration of consultation
- seeking of information

This information helps registrars identify what patient exposure they might be missing to help them make informed decisions about future placements and learning opportunities, as well as targeting their preparation for exams.

## What are the benefits of ReCEnT for supervisors and practices?

The Annual Practice Report provides supervisors and practices with information based on their registrars' clinical encounters.

The information collected from GP registrars' consultations is compared to aggregated registrar data from all practices collecting ReCEnT data, and national GP clinical activity data.

The Annual Practice Report enables supervisors and practices to see registrars' clinical exposure and aspects of their clinical and educational experience.

In addition to gaining specific insights about their registrars' clinical experiences, supervisors and practices can also glean information about the general attributes of their practice.

**“ReCEnT gives supervisors a more accurate idea of what their registrars have been doing, what area they need to improve or change.”**

**Dr Richard He**

## How do I learn more about ReCEnT?

### I'm a GP registrar or supervisor with GP Synergy

Visit GPRime2 (Forms, Documents and Links) to find out more about ReCEnT and access documents that can help you record ReCEnT data and interpret your feedback report:

- patient information sheet
- instructions for the encounter form
- example encounter form
- characteristics questionnaire

### I'm not a GP registrar or supervisor with GP Synergy

More information about ReCEnT including links to published papers are available at the GP Synergy website: [gpsynergy.com.au](http://gpsynergy.com.au).

#### ReCEnT at a glance

**200,000**  
clinical encounters recorded

**100** peer-reviewed journal articles and conference papers using ReCEnT data

**1330** GP registrars participated

**490** general practices participated



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