

Why have I been sent this invitation?

Our records show that you are in the first year of your Fellowship certification triennium. As such, you are ideally placed to join the trial. Participation is in lieu of the College's current CPD program. Everything the College presently offers can be accommodated within the framework and you will gain access to newly developed activities to help you with your practice.

Where can I find more information about the CPD Framework?

To view the framework in more detail, visit the **Committee of Presidents of Medical Colleges (CPMC)** web site at: <http://www.cpmc.edu.au/>

Go to Special Projects and click on Framework for CPD of Medical Specialists.

You can view a summary or overview of the framework document or download the entire report to read at your leisure.

Alternatively, if you would like a hard copy of the published framework report to be sent, please contact:

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Interested in participating in this important pilot?

If you are interested in making a contribution to the on-going process and debate relating to CPD for medical specialists then join the LEAP framework pilot. Assist in helping to set national standards and expand the opportunities that are available for continuing professional development across Medical Colleges.

If this sounds of interest to you, please return the enclosed fax back to your College by Friday 20th August 2004.

LEAP FRAMEWORK

Learning, Education and Professionalism



National CPD trial for Medical Practitioners

Committee of Presidents
of Medical Colleges

What is the LEAP Framework?

It is a generic framework for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) that has been developed for Australian medical specialists, applicable to a range of disciplines and practice settings.

It is a way for us to understand and describe the diverse roles and the wide range of skills, knowledge, attitudes and attributes that are considered to be part of being a medical professional today.

By having a shared understanding of CPD, the medical profession can work together in developing and improving CPD opportunities for specialists.

What is the aim of the project?

To test the usefulness and validity of the LEAP Framework in practice. By doing so, we can understand the relevance and useability of a more uniform approach to CPD for medical specialists. This will involve a sample of Fellows from RANZCOG and medical specialists from **other** colleges undertaking a pilot of the project within the specified time.

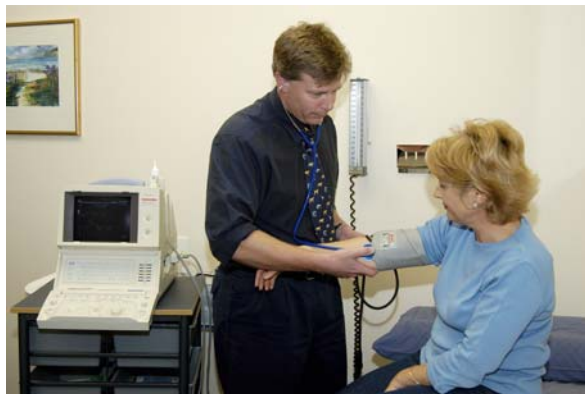
Why participate in the pilot?

Recent developments suggest that participation in continuing professional development and evidence of your competency and expertise in a range of areas or domains, will be linked to a National Approach to Specialist Registration. This is your chance to help shape the development of an Australian based program that incorporates the broad roles of your practice and that will satisfy statutory requirements.

What are the benefits of participating?

By participating in this pilot, you will

- have input into shaping an Australian based CPD program that may be applied to all medical specialists across a range of disciplines and practice settings
- have the opportunity to identify and influence the content and delivery of new CPD activities that you feel would be helpful in meeting your professional development needs
- enter your points on-line, via your College website, saving you time and paperwork
- be credited five points towards your **PR&CRM** (formerly PI)activities for your **next** Fellowship certification period on completion of the trial
- be placed in the draw for bottles of **premium wine**, including the very popular Mount Mary and Stoniers Reserve vintages or ABC Shop gift vouchers



What level of commitment is involved?

To participate in this project, you will be expected

- to have internet access.
- complete an on-line learning plan within the predetermined framework at the start of the project. This will help to identify learning needs within the framework context, for the next 12 months
- record CPD activities on-line that are undertaken during the trial period
- obtain 50 points or credits on CPD activities for the 12 month trial period
- undertake CPD activities in three different areas
- undertake approximately 10 points or credits in a level 3 activity (see attached fliers for more detailed information)
- contribute ideas for CPD activities that might be developed during the trial period
- comment on any new activities that you have completed that have been developed for the trial
- respond to a survey/interview to help us evaluate the applicability of the framework to your practice

Timelines

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| 2 August | Colleges to begin recruitment of fellows |
| 27 August | Colleges to give contact details of volunteer participants to the LEAP Project Office |
| 1 September | LEAP Project Office to send information and instructions on how to log onto the project site, complete learning plans etc |
| 30 September | Final date for participants to record individual learning plans on-line |
| 4 October | Pilot officially begins |

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| 28 Oct | Pilot officially ends |
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