

Participant Information Sheet

Evaluation of the RACP new Basic Training curriculum

The RACP's Education Policy, Research and Evaluation Unit (EPRE) are conducting an evaluation of the new Basic Training curriculum on behalf of the College Education Committee and in collaboration with the Curricula Renewal team. We invite you to participate in the evaluation as you are a trainee in the new curriculum.

What is involved?

You are invited to take part in a 30-minute interview with a member of the EPRE team via Microsoft Teams. With your consent, the interview will be recorded and the audio recording transcribed for data analysis to inform evaluation findings.

What is the purpose of the interview?

We are interested in understanding your experience with the new curriculum, such as:

- How the training context at your setting influences the way the training program operates.
- How teaching and learning activities of the new curriculum are being used in your setting.
- What is working well in your experience, and what isn't working so well.

Benefits of participating

Your insights will help inform the evaluation of the curriculum and shape any future improvements. The interview also offers an opportunity for participants to reflect on the educational processes occurring in their setting.

Risks of participating

Your decision to participate or not participate will not affect your relationship with your training setting, network, or the College. It is unlikely that you will feel any discomfort, however, support is available by contacting Converge International on 1300 687 327 (AU) or 0800 666 367 (Aotearoa New Zealand). Participation is voluntary and you can stop the interview or withdraw at any time.

How is confidentiality ensured?

The RACP College Research Committee (CRC) granted ethical approval for the project methodology on 13th August 2024. Personal information used to organise the interview will be kept confidential. The audio recording will be transcribed, coded and any personal identifiers will be removed prior to analysis. You will have the opportunity to review the transcript of your interview. The recording will then be deleted. No identifying information will be used in the evaluation report. We may use direct quotes; however, quotes used will ensure your anonymity. Data will be stored as per CRC guidelines and destroyed after ten years.

How will the information be used?

The EPRE team will report findings from the evaluation to the relevant project teams involved in curriculum renewal and to relevant education committees for comment. Evaluation findings will be used to inform ongoing program implementation and shape any future improvements. Papers on the evaluation approach, methods and findings may be submitted to medical education journals or conferences.

Questions or Complaints

Please direct any questions about the interview to Dr John R. Taylor via John.Taylor@RACP.edu.au. Complaints about the evaluation or questions about your rights as a participant can be directed to the CRC via Research@RACP.edu.au.