

External Clinical Teaching Visit Guide

Information for Practices

What are external clinical teaching visits (ECTVs)?

ECTVs are an opportunity for GP registrars to be observed whilst consulting. An external supervisor or medical educator (ECT visitor) will sit in with the GP registrar for approximately six consultations and provide feedback and teaching to help the GP registrar progress through their training. ECTVs are a compulsory part of training with NTGPE.

What is the purpose of ECTVs?

ECTVs are a learning opportunity for GP registrars to receive teaching and feedback on your consultation skills. The primary aim of an ECTV is teaching and learning, however a secondary aim is to assess the GP registrar's skills in relation to your level of training.

Preparing for ECTVs:

ECTVs will be booked by the GP registrar support team at NTGPE. They will send an email or call the practice to arrange the ECTVs for the GP registrars at the practice. This will include arranging an opportunity for the visitor to meet with the supervisor, preferably before sitting in with the GP registrar and then for giving feedback to the supervisor at the end of the session.

As the primary aim of the ECTV is to provide a learning opportunity for the GP registrar, time needs to be allowed at the end of each consultation for feedback and discussion. Six patients should be booked into 30 minute appointments. In addition, the ECT visitor will need to meet with the supervisor both before and after the visit as above.

For example, an ECT visit may look like:

8:30am – 8:45am:	ECT visitor meets with supervisor
8:45am – 9:15am:	Patient one
9:15am – 9:45am:	Patient two
9:45am – 10:15am:	Patient three
10:15am – 10:45am:	Patient four
10:45am – 11:15am:	Patient five
11:15am – 11:45am:	Patient six
11:45am – 12:00pm:	ECT visitor meets with Supervisor

Please notify patients of the ECTV when they book to limit the number of refusals on the day. Routine immunisation appointments should be avoided if possible as these do not usually provide significant learning opportunities.

If the GP registrar's supervisor is not available on the day of the ECTV, please provide NTGPE with appropriate contact details so they can arrange for the ECT visitor to speak via telephone before and after the ECTV.

On the day of the ECTV:

Signs will be provided by NTGPE for you to place at the front desk and on the door of the consulting rooms of the GP registrar. Please clarify with each patient they are happy for the ECT visitor to remain. Patients can be reassured that any information provided within the consult will remain confidential by the ECT visitor. Please do not squeeze in any extra patients with the GP registrar and avoid interrupting the visit (including between consults) to allow maximum time for learning.

Cultural Teaching Visit (CTV):

All NTGPE GP registrars will receive a CTV in their first Aboriginal health training term (AHT). A cultural educator will sit in on a morning or afternoon session. The cultural educator will provide feedback on cultural issues in a similar format to the ECT visitor. GP registrars have found this particularly helpful.

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