



CPD Credits for Assessors and physicians who participate in assessment programs

MAINPRO+: Professional Development Program of the College of Family Physicians of Canada



Overview

What is MAINPRO+?

Maintenance of Proficiency+ (MAINPRO+) is a program required by all members of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC). The program is based on principles of a reflective learning cycle, in which physicians formulate a specific question about their practice, seek out information, and interpret how the new information can be applied to their specific practice.

Individual physicians have flexibility to design their own program of professional development, within parameters, based on practice needs and using their preferred learning methods. Identifying learning needs will come from a variety of sources: the physician's practice challenges, feedback from patients and health care colleagues, or assessments of physician competence and performance that may be conducted external to the physician's practice.

What are the CPSO's Quality Management Assessment Programs?

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario has several quality management type assessment programs within the Practice Assessment and Enhancement Department including Peer, Independent Health Facilities, Out of Hospital Premises Inspection and Methadone Maintenance Therapy. Assessors in these programs review the practice of more than 2600 physicians each year. The purpose of the programs are to assure the public that doctors are providing quality patient care, and provide constructive feedback that will stimulate the physician to engage in self-reflection, to search for new ideas and evidence, and make changes to the ways in which they manage patient care. Assessments are an applied form of quality improvement in medicine. Every doctor deserves regular feedback from a variety of sources about how they are doing, and every physician can identify opportunities for improvement in one or more areas of their practice.

The purpose of these programs are complementary to the CFPC's MAINPRO+ Program.

How Can I Achieve MAINPRO+ Credits by Participating in CPSO's Quality Management Assessment Programs?

As a *Physician* Being Assessed:

By participating in a quality management assessment program as an assessed physician, physicians who are participating in the CFPC's Mainpro+ Program may be eligible to claim six

Mainpro+ certified Assessment credits per form via the *Practice Audit/Quality Assurance* form. Preparation time for the assessment may also be claimed as non-certified credits by selecting *Practice audit* from the *Assessment/Non-certified* drop down list.

In addition, physicians may be eligible to earn Mainpro+ certified Self-Learning credits by completing additional Linking Learning exercises. Each completed Linking Learning exercise is worth five certified credits.

As an assessor

By participating in a quality management assessment program as an assessor, physicians who are participating in the CFPC's Mainpro+ Program may be eligible to claim six Mainpro+ certified Assessment credits per form via the *Practice Audit/Quality Assurance* form. Preparation time for the assessment may also be claimed as non-certified credits by selecting *Practice audit* from the *Assessment/Non-certified* drop down list.

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What About Participating as an Inspector for the Registrar or ICRC?

As we have the privilege of being a self-regulated profession the CPSO is required to call upon members of the profession to opine upon cases that have come to the attention of the CPSO either due to patient complaints or through the attention of other health care professionals. In these circumstances we depend upon physicians to make a judgment as to whether or not the standard of care was met in the cases brought to the attention of the CPSO. Physicians may be asked to make a judgment on a single case or more broadly explore a physician's practice. Their independent opinions are then put forth to a committee of several peers as well as lay people to ultimately decide on the disposition of each matter. The integrity of this process is essential to maintain our status as a self-regulated profession.

Similar to participating as a peer assessor, medical inspectors who are members of the CFPC can receive six Mainpro+ certified Assessment credits via the *Practice Audit/Quality Assurance* form. Members may also claim their preparation time for the investigation as non-certified credits by selecting *Practice audit* from the *Assessment/Non-certified* drop down list.

As a Physician who has Undergone an Investigation by the ICRC:

Practice improvement opportunities have been identified; physicians who are participating in the CFPC's Mainpro+ Program may be eligible to claim six Mainpro+ certified Assessment credits per form via the *Practice Audit/Quality Assurance* form.

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Where Can I Get More Information?

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