



Submission : 2011 review of *Aiming for Excellence*, the New Zealand Standard for General Practice

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to RCNZGP on the review of *Aiming for Excellence*

The College of Nurses wishes to make the following comments on the questions posed by the RCNZGP

1. Aiming for Excellence still measures what it was intended to measure.

College members generally agree it does but would like to see more of a team focus and less doctor focused. General practice is about a team approach with the patient at the centre, the Aiming for Excellence document should reflect this.

2. It still acceptable for assessing New Zealand general practice quality.

Assessment needs to broaden beyond medical care for example C6.1 focuses on the general medical needs of patients instead of the general health needs. It is generally felt that repeat prescriptions for people with stable conditions who self manage well should be extended from 3 months to 6 months.

3. The current format is fit for purpose 2011.

College members would like to see more emphasis on the clinical team. The clinical team should be identified and acknowledged. The current document does not do this, there is insufficient nurse specific data collected.

Summary

College members would like the reviewed document to be more team focused and include all members of the general practice team including Nurse Practitioners. It is felt that the indicators relevant to nursing self review of health records are not reflective of a nurse consultation and should include issues relating to differential diagnosis, follow up goals and care. In addition aspects of social and psychological needs included. The overall consensus from College members was that the current Aiming for Excellence document is very medical and general practice orientated and needed to focus more on all members of the health care team.

