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Cardiology

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audit of appropriateness of investigations performed• Audit of clinical information in request forms• Measurement of compliance with health & safety guidelines• Audit of patients' experiences with the service• Peer-review audit of reports in collaboration with one or more other department (s)	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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Clinical Genetics

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	Monday weekly case review Seeking opinions of experts abroad either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) directly via email or b) via genetic databases or c) meetings biannual Belfast meeting with audit and case presentations Attendance at London Dysmorphology meeting on ad hoc basis Triage between clinicians and Genetic counsellors Triage guidelines for referrals Patient letters	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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Clinical Neurophysiology

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Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audit of appropriateness of investigations performed• Audit of clinical information in request forms• Measurement of compliance with health & safety guidelines• Audit of patients' experiences with the Clinical Neurophysiology service• Peer-review audit of reports in collaboration with one or more other Clinical Neurophysiology department (s)	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Practice Review • Self Assessment • Measurement of compliance with guidelines/protocols e.g anticoagulation in Atrial Fibrillation, Hypertension Management • Audit of Outpatient activity. e.g anticoagulation clinic • Patient Satisfaction with service • Peer Review • Medical Review 	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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Dermatology

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Measurement of individual compliance with guidelines protocols (one per year) - Skills analysis - Department/practice audit - Directly Observed Procedures (DOPS) - Individual Practice review - Evaluation of individual risk incidents/complaints - Patient satisfaction - Self assessment - Peer review - 	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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Endocrinology & Diabetes Mellitus

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audit of appropriateness of investigations performed• Audit of clinical information in request forms• Measurement of compliance with health & safety guidelines• Audit of patients' experiences with service• Peer-review audit of reports in collaboration with one or more other department (s)	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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Gastroenterology

Table of Clinical Audit Activities for Gastroenterology

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Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit of appropriateness of investigations performed • Audit of clinical information in request forms • Measurement of compliance with health & safety guidelines • Audit of patients' experiences with the service • Peer-review audit of reports in collaboration with one or more other department (s) 	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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General (Internal) Medicine

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Compliance with guidelines /protocols- Morbidity/Mortality- Setting Standards- Department Audit- Peer Review	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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Genito Urinary Medicine

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurement of compliance with guidelines/protocols e.g., initiation of antiretroviral therapy, mother-to-child transmission of HIV, syphilis management, partner notification, PEP/PEPSE, cervical cytology • Appropriateness of lab testing eg, use of antiretroviral resistance testing, therapeutic drug monitoring, HLA B5701 testing • Results management • Patient clinic journey • Consult service • Audit of documentation of clinical advice 	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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Geriatric Medicine

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual Practice review• Self assessment• Evaluation of individual risk incidents/complaints• Measurement of individual/departmental/ hospital compliance with guidelines/protocols	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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Infectious Diseases

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Measurement of individual compliance with guidelines protocols (one per year) – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HIV infection (eg antiretroviral prescribing per guidelines, OI management, cardiovascular assessment, liver disease surveillance, vaccination rates, cytology surveillance, disclosure etc) 2. sexual health – management of infections eg syphilis, contact tracing, vaccination rates 3. general infectious diseases – antimicrobial prescribing, OPAT standards, management of malaria, bone and joint infection management, staphylococcal aureus infection management, hepatitis B treatment - Department/practice audit - Individual Practice review - Evaluation of individual risk incidents/complaints - Patient satisfaction surveys - Self assessment - Peer review (360) 	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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Medical Oncology

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department/practice audit meetings - Individual Practice review - Evaluation of individual risk incidents/complaints - Patient satisfaction - Self assessment - Peer review - Measurement of compliance with guidelines/protocols e.g., chemotherapy prescribing, use of growth or other support factors, Appropriateness of lab/radiology testing - Audit of complications of therapy - Audit of clinical Consults - Audit of clinical practice initiatives - Audit of disease treatment pathways - Audit of patient outcomes 	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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Nephrology

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Measurement of individual compliance with guidelines protocols (one per year) - Double reading - Simulator training (ACLS, etc) - Skills analysis - Department/practice audit - Directly Observed Procedures (DOPS) - Individual Practice review - Evaluation of individual risk incidents/complaints - Patient satisfaction - Self assessment - Peer review 	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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Neurology

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neurology inpatient care (ward, ITC, special care unit, day unit, etc) - Outpatient Care (waiting time, waiting list, ratio of new to old patients, patient satisfaction, outcomes) - Inpatient acute neurology consult service - Administration issues (GP referrals, forms to be completed, letters of reply to patients, relatives, complaints from patients, relatives etc, references for junior doctors, forms to be completed for the various bodies including RCPI etc for juniors) - Academic (including teaching and research) - Patient Advocacy 	<p>Minimum 1 audit per year.</p> <p>Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity</p>

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Palliative Medicine

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual Practice review - Measurement of individual compliance with guidelines protocols (one per year) - Skills analysis - Department/practice audit - Evaluation of individual risk incidents/complaints - Patient satisfaction - Self assessment - Peer review 	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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Pharmaceutical Medicine

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the physician and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Measurement of individual/departmental compliance with guidelines/protocols/company SOPs - Setting standards – implementation guidelines development - Audit of work site to ensure that practitioners have suitable and adequate facilities to ensure that they can perform their duties and have adequate support - Self assessment - Peer review 	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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Rehabilitation Medicine

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Measurement of individual compliance with guidelines protocols (one per year) - Double reading - Simulator training (ACLS, etc) - Skills analysis - Department/practice audit - Directly Observed Procedures (DOPS) - Individual Practice review - Evaluation of individual risk incidents/complaints - Patient satisfaction - Self assessment - Peer review 	Minimum 1 audit per year. Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity

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Respiratory Medicine

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<p>Individual Practice review</p> <p>Self assessment</p> <p>Measurement of individual/departmental compliance with guidelines/protocols or assessment of outcomes</p> <p>Participation in ERS COPD audit</p> <p>Compliance with lung cancer guidelines, guidelines on treatment/investigation of pneumonia, pulmonary embolism, COPD</p> <p>Turnaround times for departmental activities – out-patient referral, bronchoscopy, sleep assessment etc.</p> <p>Appropriateness of PFT/sleep study requests</p> <p>Appropriateness of home oxygen/nebuliser/CPAP/NIV prescribing</p>	<p>Minimum 1 audit per year.</p> <p>Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity</p>

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Rheumatology

Category	Example Activities	Credits
Clinical Audit <i>Audit activities should be focused on the practice of the practitioner and not on the processes.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Department/practice audit meetings - Individual Practice review - Evaluation of individual risk incidents/complaints - Patient satisfaction - Self assessment - Peer review - Measurement of compliance with guidelines/protocols e.g. chemotherapy prescribing, use of growth or other support factors, Appropriateness of lab/radiology testing - Audit of complications of therapy - Audit of clinical Consults - Audit of clinical practice initiatives - Audit of disease treatment pathways - Audit of patient outcomes - Audit of Directly Observed Procedures (DOPS) e.g. joint aspiration and injections, soft tissue injection, interpreting plain radiology of all joint areas. 	<p>Minimum 1 audit per year.</p> <p>Recommended that practitioners spend 1 hour per month on audit activity</p>

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