

Clinical Audit
Descriptors

Area	Descriptors & Grade				
	1 Very Poor	2 Poor	3 Bare Pass	4 Good Pass	5 Excellent
Resources Used for Standard Setting	No resources used or defined and/or no standard set	Resource/s used but inappropriate standard set	Using a single appropriate resource to set and acceptable standard	Recognition and use of secondary or backup resource/s which sets similar acceptable standard	Recognition and use of secondary or backup resource/s to set an improves acceptable standard
Appropriate Resources?	None Used	Some resource/s referred to, but not relevant or inappropriate	Single appropriate resource used to set standard	Multiple resources, some inappropriate or irrelevant	Multiple resources, all appropriate and relevant
Data Collection	Only blank data collection sheets submitted, no data figures submitted.	Inappropriate/insufficient data collected (This is especially significant in a group audit. Each individual's input to the data should be recorded)	Sufficient, appropriate data collected and analyzed (This is especially significant in a group audit. Each individual's input must be significant)	As in descriptor 3 but the source of the data must be reliable and reproducible	As in descriptor 4 but with the data collection sheets allowing quick, easy analysis. Quality issues recognised from comparison of analyzed data with agreed set standard.
Data presentation and interpretation	Tables and charts not labelled, very confusing presentation. Illogical interpretation of data	Errors in labelling, confused interpretation	Charts labelled and make sense, but full implications of results not drawn out	Clear charts and tables, well referenced and linked to text, logical thought process evident	Professional standard that could be used in peer reviewed journal. Very clear and logical presentation and interpretation. Linked to text in results and discussion section. Ideal choice of chart for type of data produced, and statistically sound.

Effective Use of the Audit Cycle	<i>Data analyzed but not compared with the acceptable set standard.</i>	<i>Data compared with agreed set standard</i>	Comparison of data and set standard leading to implementation of changes necessary to achieve set standard.	<i>Changes implemented, cycle repeated, improved performance to higher set standard</i>	<i>Standard set at perfection, changes implemented and audit cycle repeated until data analysis shows that standard achieved.</i>
Has the Audit Produced the Desired Results?	<i>Failure to implement changes if data analysis shows performance is below agreed set standard</i>	<i>Changes implemented, audit repeated but results still below original set standard</i>	Changes made, second cycle data analysis shows performance is better than set standard	<i>Further changes implemented to improve performance even if performance is better than the improved standard</i>	<i>Audit cycle repeated yet again with results better than second improved standard.</i>
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