



CLINICAL GOVERNANCE MODULES 1-3



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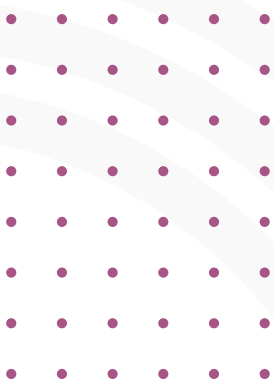
SCOPE OF THE ACPSEM CLINICAL GOVERNANCE MODULES

The Australasian College of Physical Scientists and Engineers in Medicine (ACPSEM) is pleased to release its Clinical Governance for Medical Physicists course, consisting of 3 modules, tailored specifically to equip any medical physicist who completes the course with:

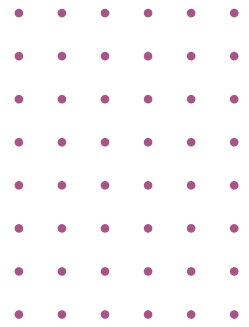
1. The fundamentals of clinical governance
2. An opportunity to apply these principles to your current scope of practice and/or
3. Additional principles and activities for those seeking or engaged in leadership roles beyond the scope of their scientific expertise.

Overall, the Course will provide participants with an overview of clinical governance from a range of perspectives and through the lens of health professionals in general, that is, not just uniquely from a medical physics perspective.

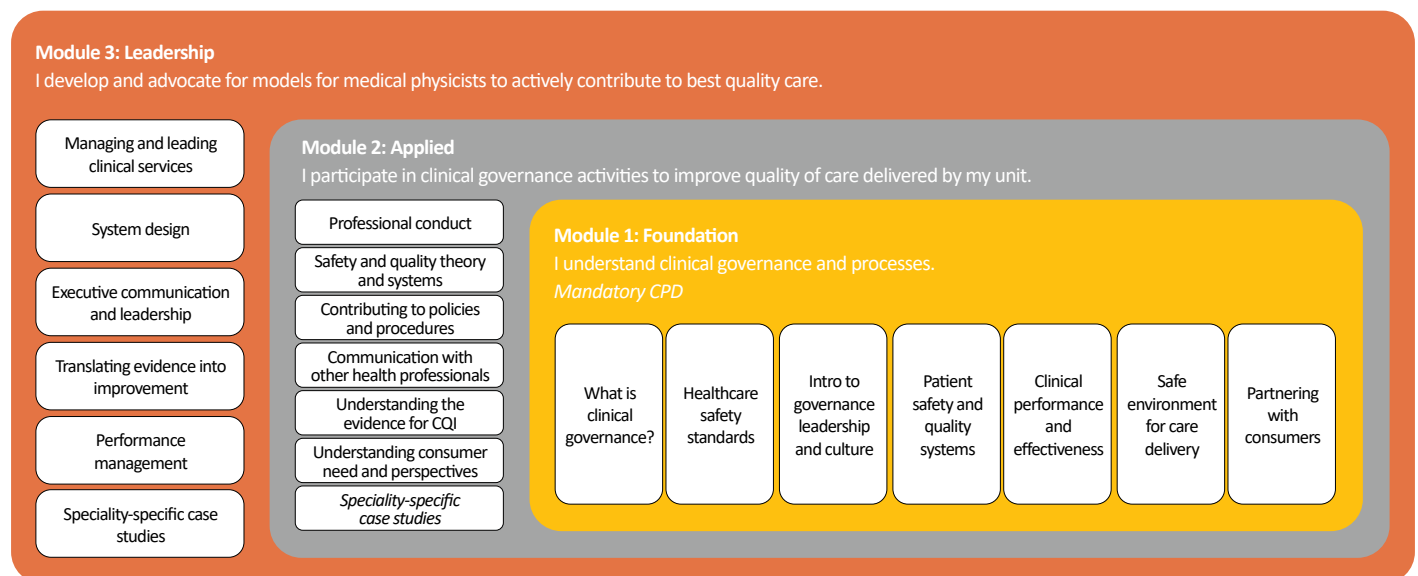
It begins by establishing a basic understanding of clinical governance standards and the expected behaviours of health professionals, before proceeding to application of these principles to medical physics-related tasks.



CONTENT OF THE MODULES



The ACPSEM Clinical Governance Learning Model is summarised in the figure below.



By the end of **Module 1** participants will:

- Be able to understand the core components of the Australian clinical governance framework developed by the Australian Commission on Quality and Safety in Health
- Have reflected on the behaviours and actions expected of medical physicists to help their workplaces meet those standards,
- Note the various standards that may be relevant to your medical physics role,
- Have sufficient insight to make a decision regarding whether to proceed to Module 2 (Applications of Clinical Governance) and Module 3 (Leadership in Clinical Governance).

Module 2 focuses on the application of principles from Module 1 and may also be of interest as a discrete task, to round off learnings from Module 1 even if your ambition falls short of participating in clinical governance tasks.

Module 3 will appeal to those who ultimately seek a broader leadership-based career path beyond their scientific specialties.

WHAT COURSE COMPLETION MEANS FOR YOU AND THE MEDICAL PHYSICS PROFESSIONS

Completion of this course in its entirety will result in recognition on the QMPS register (certificate in MP Clinical Governance) as applicable. Evidence of certification will be issued to all successful participants. Letters of commendation will be issued for all other college members who complete the course and are not on the QMPS Register, on request.

In addition to meeting the increasing expectations of health system executives of all health professionals, the ACPSEM recognizes that college recognition of completion, will assist in increasing the reputation and standing of our professions.

In other words, enabling medical physicists to increasingly recognise and demonstrate an understanding of their role in the broader systems developed to ensure patient safety and patient-centred clinical outcomes, and provide evidence of this contemporary and additional skill, can only benefit the reputation of our professions.



FOR NEW ENTRANTS TO THE QMPS REGISTER

The Professional Standards Board (PSB) has established mandatory requirements for all new entrants to the ACPSEM Register of Qualified Medical Physics Specialists (QMPS), whether via successful completion of TEAP certification, the experienced practitioner pathway, or the bespoke pathway.

Effective 1 July 2025, all new QMPS registrants must complete Clinical Governance Module 1 within 12 months of their inclusion on the Register. This module will be provided at no cost, provided it is successfully completed within the required timeframe.

If the module is not completed within the initial 12-month period, the requirement will remain in place. Registrants will be given the remainder of the current CPD cycle to complete it; however, they will be required to pay the applicable ACPSEM member fee for the module. Failure to complete Module 1 by the end of the CPD cycle will result in removal from the ACPSEM Register.

You will be enrolled at the time of your registration.

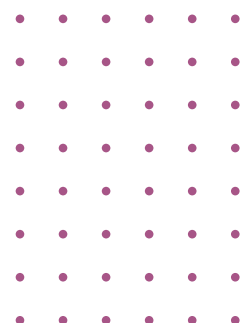
The in-module assessments are structured to cater for all levels of experience, ranging from; newly registered medical physicists or those with limited or no exposure to, or responsibility for clinical governance tasks in their workplace, to medical physicists whose roles already include contributions to clinical governance, quality improvement or a safety and quality culture in their workplace.

A guide to CPD points claimable after completion of either 1,2 or 3 modules, in the category of “Reviewing Performance” is available on the ACPSEM website at www.acpsem.org.au.

Points will also be claimable for “Measuring Outcomes” if participants choose to review their reflection tasks 12 months after completion of the course and checking their achievements in the workplace or other conclusions, reassessing as necessary, by way of a simple reflective diary.

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The Clinical Governance Modules offer a new and focused opportunity to acquire new knowledge and complete challenging reflection tasks, that enable achievement of valuable points for the points categories of Reviewing Performance and Measuring Outcomes.



COST

This cost of the course reflects the assessment requirements associated with each module and the need to monitor ongoing compliance to maintain the certification. Re-certification after three years will occur based on completion of an update task, without further cost.

The re-certification cycle will be matched to the CPD triennium dates. Assuming a significant rewrite will be required in 3-4 years, an additional update cost will apply at some point beyond 2027.

These costs have been severely contained, in comparison to other ACPSEM certification courses, because course development costs were covered by the Australian Department of Health and Aged Care and the content is less specialist in nature.

	New QMPS Registrants	ACPSEM Members	Non-ACPSEM Members
Module 1	\$0 (mandatory) Provided this module is successfully completed within the allotted 12 month time frame, there is no cost involved.	\$330 (10% GST Incl)	\$385 (10% GST Incl)
Modules 2 and 3	\$220 (10% GST Incl)	\$220 (10% GST Incl)	\$247.50 (10% GST Incl)



HOW DO I ENROL?

ACPSEM Members and others on the QMPS Register can enrol in the Clinical Governance Modules.

Enrolment and Payment will occur via the ACPSEM website at www.acpsem.org.au. Following confirmation of payment, login details for the course will be provided.

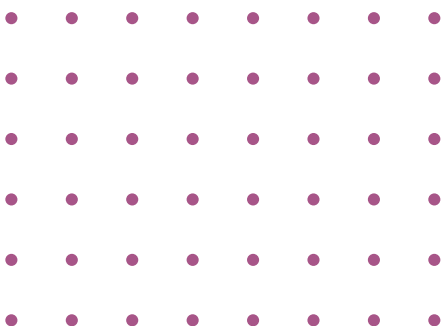
Enrolment enquiries can be forwarded to membership@acpsem.org.au

HISTORY

The Professional Standards Board (PSB) approved module content in early 2024 and effort to date has focused on translating dense material into on-line learning module format, including development of the assessment tasks.

The origin of this course dates back to discussions with the Australian Chief Allied Health Officers Advisory Committee (CAHAC) in 2021 and ongoing discussion with the NSW Chief Allied Health Officer and Health Workforce Division in Canberra. The latter funded the development of the material. The work was delayed in the face of other pandemic-related priorities.

In parallel, the ACPSEM Queensland Branch invited Australian and New Zealand participation in discussion and a workshop focusing on systematic quality assurance in medical physics, with outcomes being published in the Physical and Engineering Sciences in Medicine Journal. This added to the momentum and application of expertise when development was fast tracked in mid-2023, beginning with a call for expressions of interest to participate in course development.



A NOTE ABOUT NZ

As this work was funded by the Australian Government to highlight the Clinical Governance Framework developed by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health, the structure in Module 1 (of 3) is based on the Australian principles. However, New Zealand (NZ) references have been included and the tasks transcend national boundaries.

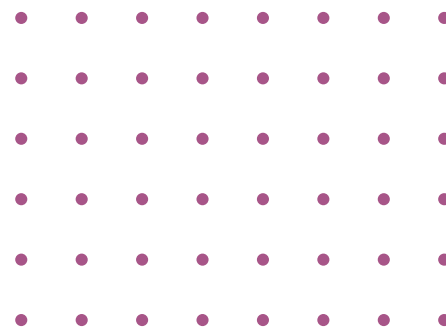
On cursory review the guidance documents published in New Zealand, in comparison to the published Australian Framework, focus on the expectations of clinical leaders at a higher level.



THE WORKING GROUP

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