**Advanced Clinical Practice**

Advanced Clinical Practitioners (ACP) come from a range of professional backgrounds such as nursing, pharmacy, paramedics’ physiotherapy and occupational therapy. They are healthcare professionals educated to Masters Level and have developed the skills and knowledge to allow them to take on expanded roles and scope of practice caring for patients. The ACP role within general practice will vary according to patient needs and the discipline of the registered practitioner.

Advanced clinical practice embodies the ability to manage complex clinical care autonomously, managing both acute and chronic undifferentiated diagnosis. This may mean that those working in advanced clinical practice might operate outside traditional service delivery boundaries and potentially, traditional professional boundaries. Training ACP within your practice should be considered as a viable option for sustainable workforce planning to deliver care that meets your population needs.  
  
**Safe -**It provides opportunity for patients to receive timely care and negate unnecessarily delay in receiving treatment, especially with the growing shortage of GPs in primary care.

**Well led-** Lead new practice and service redesign solutions in response to feedback, evaluation and need, working across boundaries and broadening sphere of influence.

**Responsive -**Continually develop practice in response to changing population health need, engaging in horizon scanning for future developments (e.g. impacts of genomics, new treatments and changing social challenges).

**Effective -**ACP within primary care enhances the effectiveness service delivery by enabling the practice to offer the right care, to the right patient at the right time.

**Caring -**ANPs in the primary care are able to develop close, long-term relationships with their patients and work in partnership with them to achieve optimum health.

**CHECK LIST:** Consider how training your own ACP in your practice could:

* Improve access to care delivery;
* Offer a sustainable solution to some of your succession planning;

Consider what outcomes you would like to achieve for your practice. For more information or support, including the application process, contact your local Training Hub :

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