



Message from the Director of Professional Development

As part of the development of revalidation, all colleges and faculties have been asked to draft standards for revalidation based on a GMC framework that adapts *Good Medical Practice* to four domains. The intention is to publish all standards on one site and in a common format so that they are readily available, particularly to doctors practising in more than one specialty.

The Faculty's draft standards are now available on the website at www.facocmed.ac.uk/library/docs/r_standards08draft.doc and comments are invited.

Although at first glance you might think that there is an expectation that you will be required to produce massive amounts of supporting information, the intention is simply to provide examples that you might draw on that are pertinent to your area of work. (It is one of the principles of Revalidation that we will be revalidated only in the area in which we work, not the full breadth of the specialty's competences). The wide range of environments and roles that occupational physicians have make it a lengthy document.

The standards are applicable to anyone practising occupational medicine, whether on the specialist register or not, who may wish to revalidate in the specialty.

Any comments or additional suggestions may be sent to professionaldevelopment@facocmed.ac.uk.

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