



PHYSICIAN PRACTICE
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Elevator Notes

CPSA's Physician Practice Improvement Program (PPIP)

- Participation in PPIP fulfills CPSA's legislative requirements—as set out in the *Health Professions Act* and CPSA's [Continuing Competence](#) standard of practice—to ensure competence in regulated members. PPIP falls under general assessment of members, and details on how to fulfill the requirements are in CPSA's [Continuing Competence Program Manual](#).
- PPIP was launched on Jan. 1, 2021¹ and requires physicians to participate in three activities, at least one in each category, in a five-year cycle (mirroring their MOC/Mainpro+ cycles):
 - A [practice-driven](#) quality improvement activity using objective data.
 - A quality improvement activity using [CPSA's Standards of Practice](#) (SOP) as a benchmark.
 - A [personal development](#) activity.
- Each PPIP activity requires data, reflection/facilitation and development of an [action plan](#). Quality improvement methodology should be used to test the proposed action and measure the outcome. Facilitation is required for the personal development activity.
- Physicians report their PPIP activities to CPSA annually on their Renewal Information Form (RIF), in the Physician Practice Improvement Program (PPIP) section.
- PPIP strives to enable learning, foster reflection and empower change by having physicians regularly and proactively engage in quality improvement and personal development activities.
- PPIP is self-directed so physicians can engage in activities that are appropriate to their scope of practice, as well as relevant and meaningful to themselves and their teams.
- PPIP challenges physicians to continually strive for small improvements in their practice. Collectively over time, these changes will improve care for all Albertans. Recognizing that personal factors and system stressors influence physician performance, PPIP also focuses on enhancing physician personal growth and wellness.
- PPIP recognizes that many physicians have been doing quality improvement work all along, which might meet requirements for one or more of the three activities.
- CPSA is collaborating with several organizations towards alignment with continuing professional development requirements, to minimize duplication of work for physicians.
- PPIP videos:
 - [An overview](#) (3.36 minutes)
 - [The Why](#) (10.50 minutes)
 - [The What](#) (7.55 minutes)
 - [The How](#) (16.42 minutes)

Take a look on our website at cpsa.ca/ppip for more information

¹ Previously the Physician Achievement Review (PAR) program, which was discontinued in 2016.