

Substantial Comparability Pathway

Case based Discussion assessment – Patient information sheet and consent form



The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) assesses overseas trained specialist psychiatrists wanting to work in Australia/New Zealand using Case based Discussions.

A Case based Discussion uses real patients that the psychiatrist is treating, enabling a quality of assessment that reflects real clinical practice.

In order to be assessed via a Case based Discussion your psychiatrist is required to submit three patient summaries for assessment. An external Assessor (a senior psychiatrist who is trained in this type of assessment), will come to the workplace of your psychiatrist for the Case based Discussion. The external Assessor will read the case files of the three patients chosen by your psychiatrist and select one for further discussion for the purpose of the assessment. The discussion is based on the case file and you will not need to attend or speak to the Assessor.

On some occasions there may be an Assessor in-training observing the Case based Discussion. This person is also a psychiatrist and a member of the RANZCP and although will not be participating in the assessment, will be privy to the case file information.

The information available to the Assessor and Observer will remain confidential and will only be used for the purpose of conducting the Case based Discussion assessment. Your privacy is a core value of the RANZCP and psychiatrists.

The College values your agreement to assist with this process and requires your written consent to allow the assessor read to your file. The consent form is over the page.

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It is the Substantial Comparability candidate's responsibility for safe-keeping of this form.

A patient consent form is required for each Case based Discussion assessment.

Three completed patient consent forms for each of the three case summaries submitted will need to be sighted by the assessor at the time of the Case based Discussion assessment.

Patient authorisation (please print clearly)

I, (full name of patient) _____

Address (of patient): _____

authorise any relevant information in my file to be made available to The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists' assessor and observer for the purpose of a Case based Discussion assessment.

I provide this consent on the undertaking given below by the doctor that:

1. The medical notes will be safeguarded at all times.
2. The contents of my file and notes will remain entirely and absolutely confidential to my doctor and to the assessor and observer, who are qualified specialist psychiatrists.

Patient's signature

Day

Month

Year

Candidate authorisation (please print clearly)

I, (full name of Substantial Comparability candidate) _____

confirm that the above patient has read the attached information sheet and has been clearly advised of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists' Case based Discussion assessment process and consents to have the relevant information in his/her file available for the assessor of the Case based Discussion assessment.

Candidate's signature

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