



Training Post and Registrar Guide to External Clinic Teaching Visits

What are External Clinic Teaching Visits (ECTVs)?

ECTVs are an opportunity for Registrars to be observed whilst consulting. An external Supervisor or Medical Educator (ECT Visitor) will sit in with Registrars for approximately six consultations and provide feedback and teaching to help the Registrar progress through your training. Five ECT visits are a compulsory part of training with NTGPE, including one video ECTV.

What is the purpose ECTVs?

ECTVs are a learning opportunity for Registrars to receive teaching and feedback on your consultation skills. The primary aim of an ECTV is teaching and learning, however a secondary aim is to assess the Registrar's skills in relation to your level of training.

Preparing for an ECTVs?

ECTVs will be booked by the GP Registrar Support Team at NTGPE. They will send an email or ring the Practice to arrange the ECTVs for the Registrars at the Practice. This will include arranging an opportunity for the visitor to meet with the Supervisor, preferably before sitting in with the Registrar and then for giving feedback to the Supervisor at the end of the session.

As the primary aim of the ECT visit is to provide a learning opportunity for the Registrar, time needs to be allowed at the end of each consultation for feedback and discussion. Six patients should be booked into 30 minute appointments. In addition, the ECT Visitor will need to meet with the Supervisor both before and after the visit as above.

For example, an ECT visit may look like:

8:30am – 8:45am: ECT visitor meets with Supervisor

8:45am – 11:45am: Patient one –Patient six

11:45am – 12:00pm: ECT Visitor meets with Supervisor

Please notify patients of the ECTV when they book to limit the number of refusals on the day.

If the Registrar's Supervisor is not available on the day of the ECTV, please provide NTGPE with appropriate contact details so they can arrange for the ECT Visitor to speak via telephone before and after the ECTV.

On the day of an ECTV

Signs will be provided by NTGPE for you to place at the front desk and on the door of the consulting rooms of the Registrar. Please clarify with each patient they are happy for the ECT Visitor to remain. Patients can be reassured that any information provided within the consult will remain confidential by the ECT Visitor.

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