



# AMQuIP

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal  
Quality Improvement Program

*The Commonwealth Government have provided funding to support this project*

---

## Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Quality Improvement Program AMQUIP

Mr Gary Disher  
Director, Policy and Communications  
The Royal Australasian College of Physicians



# AMQuIP

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal  
Quality Improvement Program

*The Commonwealth Government have provided funding to support this project*

---

## Program Background

**National Health Priority Area**

**\$2.8 million 2005-06 as part of Federal Better Arthritis Care initiative**

**11 projects Arthritis, osteoarthritis and osteoporosis**



# AMQuIP

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal  
Quality Improvement Program

*The Commonwealth Government have provided funding to support this project*

---

## Program Aim

To improve care for people with osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and osteoporosis by increasing the uptake of evidence into practice.



# AMQuIP

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal  
Quality Improvement Program

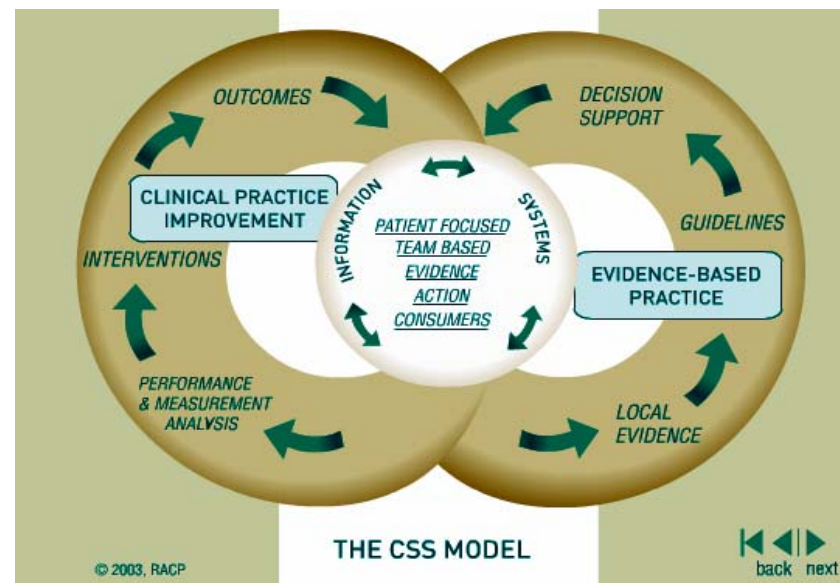
*The Commonwealth Government have provided funding to support this project*

## RACP Program Management

- **Experience**

- CSSP
- SSRS

- **Clinical Practice Improvement - Evidenced Based Practice and Clinical Practice Guidelines**





# AMQuIP

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal  
Quality Improvement Program

*The Commonwealth Government have provided funding to support this project*

---

## RACP Program Management

- **RACP**
  - Competency base curriculum
  - 23 specialties in Adult medicine, Paediatrics, plus
  - Public Health, Rehabilitation, Occupational Medicine, Sexual Health, Palliative Medicine, Community and Child Health.
  
- **Outcomes to drive Education/ Processes within the College.**



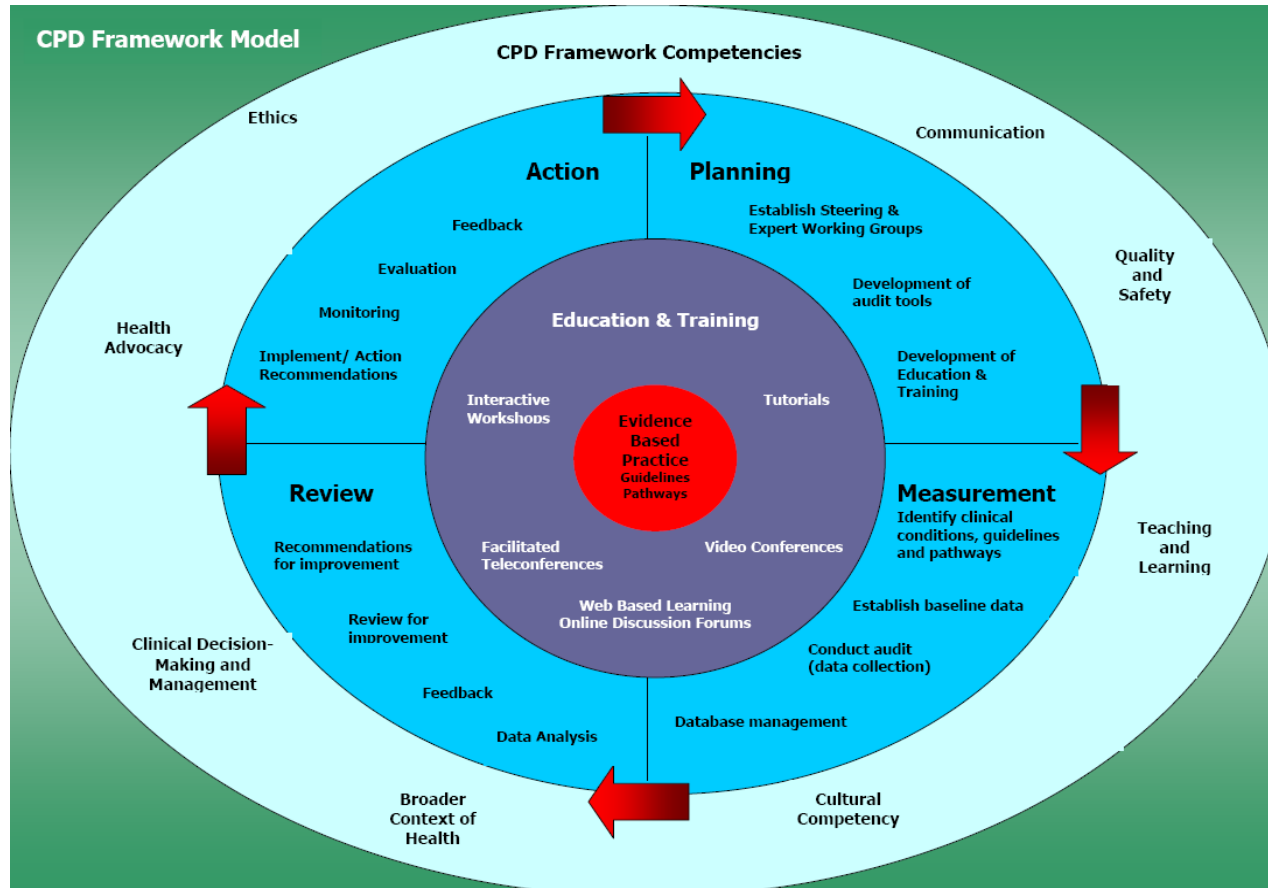
# AMQuIP

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal  
Quality Improvement Program

The Commonwealth Government have provided funding to support this project

## Clinical Support System

- Sustainability of changes into practice





# AMQuIP

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal  
Quality Improvement Program

*The Commonwealth Government have provided funding to support this project*

---

## All projects spread along spectrum of care

- **Community based**
- **Primary care**
- **Secondary care**
- **Tertiary care**



# AMQuIP

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal  
Quality Improvement Program

*The Commonwealth Government have provided funding to support this project*

---

## Project outcomes

Excellent project outcomes that support improvements in the care of people with musculoskeletal conditions. Some of these include;

- The development of a model of care targeting juveniles:
  - The Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA) Best Practice Model of care (Multidisciplinary, evidence based management)



# AMQuIP

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal  
Quality Improvement Program

*The Commonwealth Government have provided funding to support this project*

---

## Project outcomes

The development of self-management courses targeting adults and adolescents, including;

- Rheumatoid Arthritis Self Management Course & Train the Trainer resources



# AMQuIP

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal  
Quality Improvement Program

*The Commonwealth Government have provided funding to support this project*

---

## Project outcomes

- RA quality indicators/practice tools incorporated within patient held records (paper and USB stick format) to highlight best practice and facilitate communication between rheumatologists and GP's - translatable to other settings
- Computer aided decision support tool for guiding management of early rheumatoid arthritis - translatable to other settings given the recognition of Intellectual Property



# AMQuIP

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal  
Quality Improvement Program

*The Commonwealth Government have provided funding to support this project*

---

## Overall Program Outcomes

AMQuIP has resulted in the development and implementation of a multitude of resources. These resources have and will continue to improve the quality of care received by people with Musculoskeletal conditions.

These include:

- Self Management Programs

- Models of Care

- Best Practice Clinical Guidelines

- Clinical Pathways

- Electronic support tools

- Clinician Education Resources



# AMQuIP

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal  
Quality Improvement Program

*The Commonwealth Government have provided funding to support this project*

---

## Where to now

- **Project teams continuing their work post AMQuIP**
  - Further development of models
  - Secured other funding
  - Taken on as core business



# AMQuIP

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal  
Quality Improvement Program

*The Commonwealth Government have provided funding to support this project*

---

## Where to now

- **Encourage the adoption of AMQuIP outcomes and models into other health settings, through working with stakeholders, including;**
  - Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing
  - State Health Departments
  - Medical Colleges
  - Community Health Organisations
  - Consumer Groups



# AMQuIP

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal  
Quality Improvement Program

*The Commonwealth Government have provided funding to support this project*

---

## Where to now

- **Further build on and explore specific outcomes**

Including

- National Paediatric Rheumatology Training
- System for managing the new evidence based resources – clinical guidelines and clinical pathways



# AMQuIP

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal  
Quality Improvement Program

*The Commonwealth Government have provided funding to support this project*

---

## FINAL MESSAGE

AMQuIP has laid the foundations for, and facilitates continual improvement to the quality of care delivered to people with musculoskeletal conditions.

The success of this program can be built upon by ensuring that the program outcomes are not lost, but rather harnessed and utilised to their full potential.



# AMQUIP

Arthritis and Musculoskeletal  
Quality Improvement Program

*The Commonwealth Government have provided funding to support this project*

---

## QUESTIONS ?

[www.amquip.org.au](http://www.amquip.org.au)

**AMQUIP Project Management Unit**

**02 9256 9614**