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**Medical
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Definition of clinical practice and non-clinical practice

Clinical practice

Any work undertaken by a doctor that relates to the care of an individual patient

Non-clinical practice

Any work undertaken by a doctor that does not relate to the care of an individual patient

Notes

If a doctor working in non-clinical practice can satisfy Council that their work has no / low risk to public health and safety they may recertify via a collegial relationship with another doctor to ensure the doctor is maintaining competence and taking part in continuing professional development (CPD). Alternatively, they may form a relationship with a CPD associate within an organisational appraisal system that includes requirements for CPD.

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