

## Appendix 3

### Aiming for Excellence – History of development

Year	Indicator, criteria, standards development,	Practice Accreditation pathway
1996	The Goodfellow Unit, University of Auckland, reviewed the literature to identify indicators that identified the scope of good quality general practice. A range of provider groups and consumer organisations then reviewed them for relevance.	
1998	<p>Initial paper on Key Performance Indicators in Primary Health Care. The College agreed that these indicators should be further developed for general practice [17].</p> <p>International and stakeholder leadership response to a need for increased accountability in general practice. Waikato Faculty proposal.</p> <p>Expression of interest by members of the RNZCGP and Independent Practitioner Associations (IPAs) at an IPA Conference.</p> <p>RNZCGP Practice Standards Committee was established to develop standards for general New Zealand practice. The Committee identified existing international standards and found the Royal Australian College of General Practitioner standards most relevant. However, differences between the Australian and New Zealand health systems and populations made the Australian standards difficult to adopt in the New Zealand setting.</p>	
1999	<p>The RNZCGP agreed to develop a standard specifically for New Zealand General Practice.</p> <p>Indicators were developed by a Goodfellow Unit project and released by RNZCGP Practice Standards Working Party in 1999 as Aiming for Excellence.</p>	
2000	<p>Early adopters.</p> <p>Aiming for Excellence in General Practice – Standards for General Practice (1st edition) was tested. Six assessors were trained. A pretest and pilot study of 20 practices was undertaken to determine its usefulness for general practice.</p>	
2001 - 2002	<p>RNZCGP Practice Standards Validation Field Trial. Indicators and criteria in the first edition of Aiming for Excellence were subjected to a rigorous evaluation in a field trial of 81 practices during 2000-2001 and found to be reliable, valid and feasible for use in measuring the quality of care provided by a general practice.</p> <p>Aiming for Excellence – An assessment tool for General Practice (2nd edition published)</p>	<p>RNZCGP began identifying the principles and key issues for future practice accreditation.</p> <p>The RNZCGP Professional Development Practice Sub-Committee agreed to identify and design the process for implementing the Key Performance Indicators in a learning environment and over see the implementation of Practice Accreditation.</p> <p>Sixty-one GP, practice nurse, practice manager assessors trained in practice assessment.</p>

2003		Early programme establishment. QIPNZ a subsidiary of RACGP/AGPAL were contracted to establish an accreditation programme for NZ general practice.
2004	GDSL/MedAudit design online version of Aiming for Excellence was developed.	<p>Review of QIPNZ contract.</p> <p>RNZCGP establishes Cornerstone General Practice Accreditation Programme.</p> <p>RNZCGP contracts HDANZ to provide programme oversight and external validation of Cornerstone practice reports.</p> <p>Development of IT support for practice visits by GDSL/MedAudit.</p> <p>Ministry of Health funds implementation of practice accreditation – 85 practices.</p>
2005	Aiming for Excellence was reviewed by the RNZCGP Professional Development Practice Sub-Committee for continued relevance – this review drew on feedback that aided the development of a guide to help assessors interpret the accreditation instrument.	<p>Te Paea Marae Clinic in Auckland was the first general practice in New Zealand to become Cornerstone accredited.</p> <p>The CORNERSTONE General Practice Accreditation Programme is established as a formal RNZCGP programme for practice teams.</p> <p>ACC funds 100 practices to enable refinement of the process.</p> <p>Pinnacle funds 100 practices to test a practice support process.</p>
2006	Aiming for Excellence – (Consultation version published). Consultation phase from July 2006 to January 2007.	Implementation phase of CORNERSTONE is completed.
2007	Revision of Aiming for Excellence, informed by analysis of the consultation data; research evidence; and informal consensus building among local experts.	By the end of December 2007, 520 practices had enrolled in the CORNERSTONE programme and 274 achieved CORNERSTONE General Practice Accreditation.
2008	Aiming for Excellence – (3 <sup>rd</sup> edition February 2008)	December 2008 – 335 practices have achieved CORNERSTONE General Practice Accreditation.
2009	Aiming for Excellence – (Review of 3 <sup>rd</sup> edition).  A further review was undertaken due to extensive feedback from general practices, CORNERSTONE Assessors and other organisations.	