



Royal College of Anaesthetists

Guidelines for the Provision of Anaesthetic Services - Author Job Description

Role	Author of the Guidelines for the Provision of Regional Anaesthesia Services chapter
Organisation	The Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA)

Role description

Summary	<p>The Guidelines for the Provision of Anaesthetic Services (GPAS) support anaesthetists with responsibilities for service delivery and healthcare managers to design and deliver high quality anaesthetic services. All GPAS chapters are developed by a National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) accredited process.</p> <p>The RCoA is looking to recruit authors to develop a new chapter on regional anaesthesia which will be published in 2024. This chapter will provide the standards that will underpin the increasing future development of anaesthetic services in this area.</p> <p>The authors of the chapter will work in collaboration with the GPAS Editor and team as well as members of the chapter development group (CDG).</p> <p>Applicants will be clinically active in the area of anaesthesia that the chapter covers. They will have experience of working with multi professional committees or working groups. Strong interpersonal skills and excellent verbal and written skills are required, along with an ability to communicate complex issues to differing audiences.</p> <p>Applicants will ideally have an understanding of guideline development processes, systematic reviews, critical appraisal methods and working in committees.</p> <p>Once appointed, the authors will be responsible for reviewing literature and drafting recommendations based on the results of the systematic literature review. They will also be responsible for reviewing and grading the literature and revising the draft recommendations based on feedback during the consultation stage.</p>
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<p>Responsibilities</p>	<p>The authors will be supported by the GPAS team who will be responsible for the overall project management, preparation of the scoping document and search strategy (with the researcher), organising CDG meetings (if required) and coordinating the logistics of consultations.</p> <p><u>General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a 'Declaration of Interests' form • Advise the GPAS coordinator of any organisations that may be interested in taking part in the public consultation • Work with the GPAS Editor and team, the researcher and the CDG as required at and between meetings. <p><u>Literature Search & Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the literature and evidence after an initial search and sift • Independently grade the selected literature. <p><u>Chapter Development Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the GPAS team and Editor to identify potential members for the CDG • Participate in the discussion and decision making at CDG meetings (if required) • Make appropriate changes to the recommendations as requested by the CDG or provide reasoning for rejecting a proposed change. <p><u>Recommendations Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft recommendations based on the systematic literature search conducted by the researcher • Accept or reject any proposed changes following peer review, CQRB, PatientVoices@RCoA and public consultation • Provide reasoning for rejecting a proposed change from consultation • Sign off final version of the chapter before sign off by the GPAS Editor.
<p>Conditions (e.g. time commitments, length of appointment)</p>	<p><u>Chapter Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The authors are expected to attend an initial meeting with the GPAS team at the beginning of the chapter development process via Teams • Subsequent meetings will take place as necessary (via Microsoft Teams), and the authors are expected to make reasonable efforts to attend these meetings. • The majority of correspondence will be via email and authors are required to actively engage with each stage in the development of the chapter. <p><u>Post Publication (Annually)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide whether the recommendations that were originally made are still valid in light of any new evidence uncovered by annual reviews conducted by the researcher • Submit any changes to the document to the GPAS team to be sent to the GPAS Editorial Board for sign off. <p><u>Post Publication (Every five years)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If continuing as an author, reconvene for a full review of the guidance.

Person specification

	Essential criteria	Desirable characteristics
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An anaesthetist with understanding of service delivery • Credible level of experience of expert committee work or standards setting work in a relevant setting • Experience in developing guidelines or similar documents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience developing RCoA GPAS chapters • Experience as an ACSA reviewer or lead.
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of excellent verbal and written communication skills. 	
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed knowledge of anaesthesia and specifically anaesthesia related to the chapter topic • Clinically active in subject area • Understands the processes of systematic review and critically appraising literature. 	A detailed knowledge of regional anaesthesia
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to feedback and able to provide sound and tactful reasoning for accepting or rejecting any suggestions made during the chapter development process. 	