

A conference on

“SIGNIFICANT EVENTS”

*Dealing with “Significant Events” and
responding to concerns before and
during Appraisal and Revalidation.*

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Registration 1.15 pm
Meeting 2.00 pm

Royal College of Obstetricians
and Gynaecologists
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Overview

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MEETING SUPPORTED BY
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Programme Overview

Within the Medical Appraisal Guidelines, doctors and their appraisers are required to identify and discuss significant events that have occurred during the year. But what is a significant event, how are these assessed at governance or audit meetings? How should appraisers approach these discussions? What information do Responsible Officers/Medical Directors require at an early stage or from the appraisal documentation to ensure that matters that may affect their recommendation on revalidation are adequately highlighted and recorded? Once identified, what immediate steps must be taken to remediate and help doctors and what is the GMC role throughout this whole process?

This half day meeting aims to define significant events, examine the spectrum of issues that might be included, and consider how clinical governance teams, appraisers and Responsible Officers and the doctor in question should respond to different types of significant events.

This conference will be of interest to:-

- Responsible Officers
- Medical Directors
- Clinical Governance Personnel
- MAC Chairmen
- Appraisers
- Regulators
- Revalidation Administrators

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1.15 Registration & Coffee

SESSION ONE: WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Chair: Dr. Gerard Panting

2.00 Introduction - Setting the scene and defining the issues

Geoffrey Glazer, Medical Director - Wellington Hospital,
Chairman of FIPO

Reviewing and reflecting on significant events are key elements of appraisal and will influence the Responsible Officer's recommendations on revalidation, so a common approach to significant events is fundamental to creating an equitable system.

2.15 The Clinical Governance evaluation of Significant Events?

Rosemary Hittinger, Clinical Governance Lead HCA International

Developing robust systems for recording and analysing significant events, and sharing this information between NHS and independent sector hospitals are major challenges if appraisal and revalidation are to provide their anticipated contribution to clinical governance.

2.30 The GMC Approach to Significant Events

Surendra Deo, GMC Employment Liaison Service

The GMC's new employment liaison service exists to provide advice and support to NHS and independent sector hospitals, including how best to respond to significant events.

2.45 Significant Events, Reflection and Appraisal

Richard Packard, Consultant Ophthalmologist, King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor

Appraisal provides the opportunity to review and reflect on significant events, and where appropriate to feed into the next year's PDP, subject to the constraints of the appraisal process and willingness of the doctor to engage.

3.30 Responsible Officers - Significant Events, Appraisal and Revalidation

Celia Ingham Clark, Associate Medical Director for Revalidation and Quality, NHS London

The Responsible Officer recommendation on an individual doctor's revalidation is based in part on the appraisals during the revalidation cycle, so ROs must be assured of the quality of the information presented about significant events.

3.45 Refreshments

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SESSION TWO: PRACTICAL APPROACHES

Chair: Geoffrey Glazer

4.15 Remediation - so what do we do about “Significant Events”?

Julia Whiteman - Director of Appraisal Revalidation and Performance, London Deanery

In some cases significant events will require remediation, raising questions about the criteria for requiring remediation, its implementation and post remediation assessment.

4.30 Supporting Information required for Significant Events

Sara Kovach Clark - Head of Regulatory Development, GMC

What does the GMC require in terms of the information requirements for Significant Events?

4.45 Panel and Audience Discussion - Scenarios

Dr. Surendra Deo (GMC)

Dr. Gerard Panting (FIPO)

Rosemary Hittinger (HCA)

Celia Ingham Clark (NHS London)

Dr. Peter Schutte (MDU)

A panel and audience discussion addressing real life examples of significant events about how they should be approached.

5.30 Meeting ends - Drinks and Depart