Model Scope of Clinical Practice – Psychiatry

This document has been prepared in consultation with the State Scope of Clinical Practice Psychiatry Working Group, which includes broad representation of Specialist Psychiatrists.

Information about the State Scope of Clinical Practice Unit and the project to develop Model Scopes of Clinical Practice (SoCPs) for use within NSW Health facilities can be found here: www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/ssocpu.

The Model SoCPs are intended to assist Local Health Districts and Specialty Networks to achieve clarity and consistency in the way practitioners’ scope of clinical practice is defined, whilst still allowing for local decisions to be made in accordance with the facility’s need and its role delineation. The Model SoCPs will provide a measure of expert input and advice when considering the credentials appropriate for the practice of particular specialties and sub-specialties.

A set of three credentialing support documents are provided in relation to Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS). These documents are intended as a resource to provide additional guidance to Local Health Districts and Specialty Networks beyond the RANZCP Position Statement on TMS referred to in the Specific Credentialing section of this document, and may be considered by them for local adaptation.

Please note that the final Psychiatry SoCP as presented in the eCredential system may appear differently to the format shown here.

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**Core Scope of Clinical Practice for the Specialty of Psychiatry**

Psychiatrists provide management within a biopsychosocial framework to patients who have mental, behavioural or emotional disorders. They may also provide consultation to medical practitioners (in other fields) regarding mental, behavioural or emotional disorders and their interaction with physical disorders.

Psychiatrists treat all types of mental illness, emotional disturbance and abnormal behaviour from mild or episodic conditions to those that are severe, persistent and life threatening. They work with people of all ages and backgrounds and deal with the entire range of psychiatric presentations. They also attend to basic physical health needs of the patient especially when physical health concerns are related to the psychiatric condition or the prescription of psychiatric medication.

Specialist Psychiatrists’ general training allows a broad “core” scope of clinical practice with only a few procedures designated as requiring “specific” credentialing. All psychiatrists receive generalist training; however, they may also seek further consultation or support from colleagues with specific expertise in certain areas.

Without limiting the core SoCP for Psychiatrists, there are several recognised Faculties within the RANZCP for which accredited membership requires advanced training. Although this training does not lead to separate Medical Board of Australia sub-specialty registration categories, Public Health Organisations (PHO) with dedicated sub-specialty services may wish to apply specific credentialing requirements such as those listed below for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Psychiatry of Old Age, Addiction Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry, Consultation Liaison Psychiatry and Psychotherapy. Beyond these areas covered by RANZCP Faculty recognition, there may be other areas of specialised practice for which appropriate training, experience and recency of practice may be expected in certain service settings.

*See ‘specific credentialing’ for items not included within ‘core’.*

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<td><em>Eligible for registration with the Medical Board of Australia as a Specialist Psychiatrist and/or overseas trained specialist pathways</em></td>
<td>☐ Yes ☐ No</td>
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This document is focused on defining qualifications related to competency to exercise scope of clinical practice. The applicant must also adhere to any additional organisational, regulatory, or accreditation requirements that the organisation is obliged to meet.
Model Scope of Clinical Practice for Psychiatry

Service Role Delineation

Note that scope of clinical practice granted may only be exercised at the site(s) and/or setting(s) that have sufficient space, equipment, staffing, and other resources required to support the scope of clinical practice. For more information, see www.health.nsw.gov.au/roledelineation

Psychiatry at [location] is a level X service.  

Patient Age Limitation for Psychiatry at [facility]

Optional free-text field for LHD/SNs to add more information about a department’s role delineation, if desired.

Clinical Duties

Admitting  May admit patients within the designated specialty under the practitioner’s own name.  May accept transfer of care to the nominated practitioner.  (Restricted admitting rights means that limited rights can be exercised within specific parameters.)

☐ Yes
☐ Restricted
☐ No

On-call  Participation in the appropriate specialty on-call roster and other on-call rosters as required and requested.

☐ Yes
☐ No

Consulting  May be invited for consultation on patients admitted (or being treated) by another practitioner.

☐ Yes
☐ No

Diagnostic  May sign out or authorise reports on diagnostic investigations requested by another practitioner.

☐ Yes
☐ No

Outpatients  May hold an outpatient or privately referred non-inpatient clinic in the practitioner’s own name or to participate in a multidisciplinary clinic taking final responsibility for the care of patients attending.

☐ Yes
☐ No

Procedural  May open an operating theatre or a day procedure unit.

☐ Yes
☐ No

Teaching  May access patients for the purpose of teaching.

☐ Yes
☐ No

Research  May participate in research projects or clinical trials.

☐ Yes
☐ No
This section describes procedures or practices which require specific credentialing for safe and effective performance, but which are within the practice of Psychiatry. Specific credentialing and determination of a specific scope of clinical practice is required where it cannot be reasonably assumed the practitioner’s qualifications include the specific competency. The gaining of the specific competency may involve additional training, experience, or both training and experience. Requests for specific scope of clinical practice should be specified in the credentialing application.

**Areas of Practice Requiring Specific Credentialing**

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<td><strong>1a. Specific credentialing procedure - Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)</strong></td>
<td>As per NSW Health policy</td>
<td>NSW Health State-wide policy directive <a href="https://www1.health.nsw.gov.au/pdfs/ActivePDSDocuments/PD2011_003.pdf">https://www1.health.nsw.gov.au/pdfs/ActivePDSDocuments/PD2011_003.pdf</a></td>
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<td>Appropriate training and experience (such as RANZCP certificate of advanced training and/or accredited membership of the RANZCP Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry or equivalent) plus recency of practice</td>
<td>RANZCP Certificate of Advanced Training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry <a href="https://www.ranzcp.org/Pre-Fellowship/2012-Fellowship-Program/Certificates-of-Advanced-Training/Child-and-adolescent-psychiatry.aspx">https://www.ranzcp.org/Pre-Fellowship/2012-Fellowship-Program/Certificates-of-Advanced-Training/Child-and-adolescent-psychiatry.aspx</a></td>
<td>0- up to 18 years or still at school</td>
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<td>2b. Service –based credentialing - Provision of specialist services within a Specialist Mental Health Service for Older Persons unit or service</td>
<td>Appropriate training and experience (such as RANZCP certificate of advanced training and/or accredited membership of the RANZCP Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age or equivalent) plus recency of practice</td>
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<td>Generally over 65 or functionally aged</td>
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<td>2c. Service –based credentialing - Provision of specialist psychiatry services within a Drug and Alcohol unit or service</td>
<td>Appropriate training and experience (such as RANZCP certificate of advanced training and/or accredited membership of the RANZCP Faculty of Addiction Psychiatry or equivalent) plus recency of practice</td>
<td>RANZCP Certificate of Advanced Training in Addiction Medicine <a href="https://www.ranzcp.org/Pre-Fellowship/2012-Fellowship-Program/Certificates-of-Advanced-Training/Addiction-psychiatry.aspx">https://www.ranzcp.org/Pre-Fellowship/2012-Fellowship-Program/Certificates-of-Advanced-Training/Addiction-psychiatry.aspx</a></td>
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Any standards for attainment or maintenance of competence suggested as a threshold are developed by specialist medical/dental colleges, specialty societies or NSW Health organisations with expert guidance. They are not intended as an automatic barrier to practice or service delivery. Such standards should be treated as a guideline only and a trigger for review. Regardless of the threshold, acceptable results must be demonstrated, especially for procedures with significant risk. In some situations accreditation standards or NSW Health policy directives may be cited and credentials/medical appointments committees should give these due consideration.
Extended Scope of Clinical Practice

This section is for areas of practice outside the range of Psychiatry outlined above for which the practitioner may have training and experience. If the clinical work falls within the remit of a different specialty, the scope of clinical practice for that specialty may be applied.

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Emergency Practice

In an emergency situation, any health professional may provide any treatment immediately necessary to save the life of a patient or prevent serious injury to a patient’s health, whether or not such treatment is within their approved clinical privileges. NSW Health policy on consent in emergency situations must be followed. The health professional should give consideration to whether there are any better means of proceeding within the time available, including considering whether a more qualified clinician is available, before providing treatment outside of approved clinical privileges in an emergency. Any emergency treatment provided should subsequently be documented.

Consent to Medical Treatment - Patient Information (PD2005_406), or any replacement policy.

Exclusions

This section will list clinical work within the normal and customary practice of psychiatry, which may not be conducted by the practitioner.

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Practice Conditions, Undertakings, Reprimands, Endorsements and Notations as per the Medical/Dental Board of Australia

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Outcomes of Credentialing and Scope of Clinical Practice

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