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Clinic Practicum and Supervision Guidelines

Clinic practicum involves case analysis, case management AND case taking. The ability to take a homeopathic case is different to taking a case in another modality. Please note, analysing paper cases or watching cases via video link is NOT clinic practicum, it is still theoretical knowledge. It is not the same as taking the case by yourself.

Clinic practicum refers to *supervised* clinical training. ARoH requires that 70% of the clinical practicum training must be conducted face-to-face and 30 % maybe via virtual supervision e.g. Skype.

Of the clinical hours undertaken, 80% of the clinic hours MUST BE acquired by actively treating patients under the supervision of an ARoH accredited supervisor. (List of ARoH accredited supervisor/ mentor is present on the ARoH website. For details on qualification of a supervisor and/or becoming an accredited supervisor, please refer to ARoH documents). The remaining 20% may include acquisition of business skills, reception or pharmacy duties.

Note that 80% of clinical hours must include proof of the primary person undertaking assessment and treatment (including case history, physical examination, health assessment, diagnosis, homoeopathic treatment and case management) of a set number of consultations, dependent on the tier level.

The education committee on the ARoH board is composed of persons who have experience in the field of education and clinic supervision in health sciences at various teaching institutions across different levels of education, different locations and institutions. We have designed and introduced the credentialing document after consultation with RTOs, associations and homeopaths with a vast experience in clinical practice and/or education.

In Australia, most associations, advise that the first consultation with a patient be face to face.

We advise supervision for the following reasons:

- When you are taking a case, there is a need to be aware of where the responsibility lies if something goes wrong, or a complaint is lodged against your practice.
- When you are a student practitioner, this responsibility resides with your supervisor.
- When you are under supervision, it is the responsibility of the supervisor, as the supervisor, to have indemnity insurance as the student does not have this protection independently. This provision is to protect you.