



Appendix 3

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Appendix 3 Characteristics of participating general practices

RRMA* (1-5) 1= Metropolitan 2= Other metropolitan 3= Large rural centre 4= Small rural centre 5= Other rural centre	Practice Size (FTE GPs)	Practice model	Practice Manager background	Previous QI involvement
1	2<5	Privately owned (GP)	Nursing	Internal and external activities i.e. Collaboratives; national prescribing service (NPS) activities
1	2<5	Privately owned	Nursing	Internal audits
1	2<5	Privately owned	Nursing	Internal and external activities i.e. Collaboratives
1	2<5	Privately owned	Administration	Internal activities
1	2<5	Privately owned	Business	Nil (new practice)
1	5<10	Privately owned	Nursing	Internal and external activities i.e. Plan Do Study Act (PDSA) cycles, Collaboratives; BEACH; Medicare Local
1	5<10	Privately owned GP partnership	Administration	Internal and external activities i.e. Medicare Local program
1	5<10	Privately owned GP partnership	Nursing	Internal and external activities unnamed
1	5<10	Privately owned GP partnership	Administration	External activities i.e. Medicare Local program
1	5<10	Privately owned	Nursing	Internal and external activities i.e. bettering evaluation in health care (BEACH)
1	5<10	Privately owned GP partnership	Administration	External activities i.e. Medicare Local; National Prescribing Service (NPS) activities
1	5<10	Privately owned GP partnership	Administration	Internal and external activities i.e. Medicare Local program
1	5<10	Privately owned	Administrative	Unknown
1	5<10	Privately owned	Nursing	Internal activities unnamed
1	5<10	Privately owned (GP/PM)	Speech pathology and management	Internal activities unnamed
1	5<10	GP owned	Business	Internal activities unnamed
1	5<10	Privately owned	Unknown	Internal activities unnamed
1	10+	Privately owned GP partnership	Business	Internal activities i.e. PDSA cycles
1	10+	Corporate	Business	Internal activities unnamed
1	10+	Privately owned	Administration	Internal activities i.e. PDSA cycles

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1	10+	Privately owned	Administration	Internal and external activities unnamed
1	>10 allied health	Privately owned (physio; naturopathy)	Physiotherapy	Internal activities unnamed
2	5<10	Corporate	Nursing	External activities i.e. Medicare Local program
2	5<10	GP partnership	Nursing	Internal activities unnamed
2	5<10	GP owned	Nursing	Internal activities unnamed
2	5<10	GP partnership	Nursing	Internal and external activities i.e. Collaboratives
2	10+	Privately owned Board of Directors	Nursing	External activities i.e. Medicare Local program; NPS activities
3	2<5	Privately owned	Engineering; Project Manager	Internal activities unnamed
3	5<10	Privately owned GP partnership	Nursing	Internal activities i.e. PDSA cycles
3	5<10	Associateship of 4 individual companies	Administration	Internal activities i.e. education and training in practice ethics
3	10+	GP owned	Administration	Internal and external activities unnamed
3	10+	Privately owned	Business management (farming)	Internal activities i.e. PDSA cycles
3	10+	Corporate	Business management	Internal and external activities unnamed
4	2<5	US Defence Force	Nursing	External i.e. Six Sigma framework

*Department of Human Services and Health (1994). Rural, Remote Metropolitan Area Classification Index. Canberra, Department of Human Services and Health.