

**Joint Committee on Good Practice (JCGP)**  
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The JCGP is a collaborative committee formed principally of Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA) and Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (AAGBI) Council members. Other core members include the lead Dean for anaesthesia, representatives of the General Medical Council (GMC), the National Clinical Assessment Service (NCAS), the Intensive Care Society (ICS), the Faculty of Pain Medicine of the RCoA (FPMRCoA) and the British Pain Society (BPS). In addition, patient representation is provided by the Chair of the Patient Liaison Group (PLG) of the RCoA.

The principal purpose of the Committee is to develop and refine appropriate documentation to assist anaesthetists and anaesthesia departments in gathering appropriate information in support of appraisal and revalidation. In addition, it also develops and provides advice and assistance to Trusts, hospitals and individual doctors in cases of concern related to standards of practice.

A key function is to advise the professional standards committees of both the RCoA and the AAGBI and the JCGP also advises the [Welfare Committee of the AAGBI](#) and the process of providing [Anaesthesia Review Teams \(ART\)](#) via the RCoA. General comments and feedback are provided to the Committee from welfare discussions and reports from ART reviews, protecting the confidentiality of individuals and/or employers throughout, and advise the main guideline document produced by the JCGP – [‘Good Practice – A guide for departments of anaesthesia, critical care and pain management’](#).

The build-up to the launch of medical [revalidation](#) in 2010, has highlighted the ongoing need for this Committee in particular and its collaborative approach to dealing with anaesthetists and anaesthesia departments in difficulty, and continues to be the key to its successes.

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