



Australian Standards for Health Practitioner Pain Management Education

Project Methodology

This initiative, funded by the Australian Government, commenced in February 2024 and is progressing 'Goal 1' from the [National Strategy for Health Practitioner Pain Management Education](#), with a completion date of October 2025.

The methodology for the project was developed by the [Faculty of Pain Medicine](#) and endorsed by the project's governance advisory group, consisting of a diverse range of stakeholders.

In brief, the approach to the project has involved the following steps:

- A governance advisory group of diverse stakeholders formed (Feb–May 2024).
- Communication strategy developed (Feb–May 2024).
- Review of literature and environmental scan (April–June 2024)
- Extensive in-person and online stakeholder consultation (August–October 2024).
- Inductive thematic analysis of stakeholder data (October–November 2024).
- Internal and external validity of identified themes confirmed (October–December 2024).
- Mapping of key guidelines, policies, guidelines against themes (December 2024–February 2025)
- Initial drafting of standards (January–April 2025).
- Delphi process to reach consensus (April–May 2025).
- Creation of online portal for eventual housing of the standards (May–July 2025).
- Broader stakeholder review (June–July 2025).
- Revision of draft standards based on feedback (July–September 2025)
- Approval by FPM Board (September 2025).
- Submission to government (October 2025).

To read more about the project methodology and the broader project details, visit the [project website](#).