

# **Appendix 4: GP characteristics questionnaire from BEACH 2001–02 recording year**



Doctor Identification Number

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**Please fill in boxes or circle answers where appropriate**

1. Sex ..... Male / Female

2. Age .....

3. How many years have you spent in general practice? .....

4. How many general practitioners work with you at this practice? .....   
(Practice = shared medical records)

5. What is the postcode of your major practice address? .....

6. Year of graduation .....

7. Place of graduation (primary medical degree):  
Aust ..... 1  
NZ ..... 2  
Asia ..... 3  
UK / Ireland ..... 4  
Other:(specify) ..... 5

8. General Practice training status (CSCT or RACGP training programme)?  
Presently training ..... 1  
Completed training ..... 2  
Not Applicable ..... 3

9. Do you hold FRACGP? ..... Yes / No

10. Number of general practice sessions you usually work per week?....

11. Direct patient care hours worked per week?  
(Please estimate the hours usually spent on service provision to patients including direct patient care, instructions, counselling etc and other related services such as writing referrals, prescriptions, phone calls etc.) .....

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12. Hours on call but not worked per week?.....

13. Over the past four weeks have you provided any patient care ....(Please circle as many as apply)  
As a locum ..... 1  
In a deputising service..... 2  
In a residential aged care facility..... 3  
As a salaried/sessional hospital medical officer ..... 4

14. How do you regularly instruct pharmacists on the substitution of generic drugs?  
Substitute allowed ..... 1  
No substitute allowed ..... 2

15. To what extent are computers used at your major practice address? (Circle as many as apply)  
Not at all..... 1  
Billing ..... 2  
Prescribing ..... 3  
Medical Records ..... 4  
Other Admin ..... 5  
Internet / Email..... 6

16. Is this practice accredited ?..... Yes / No

17. What are the normal after-hours arrangements for your practice? (Circle as many as apply)  
Practice does its own ..... 1  
Co-operative with oth. practices ..... 2  
Deputising service ..... 3  
Referral to other service (eg A&E).... 4  
Other ..... 5  
None ..... 6

18. Is your major practice site a teaching practice?  
for undergraduates ..... 1  
for GP registrars ..... 2  
No ..... 3

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