

QI Project FAQs *A Guide for Clinical Preceptors*

1	WHAT IS A QI PROJECT? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• QI stands for ‘Quality Improvement Process’. All R1s must complete a QI as part of their R1 Scholar Curriculum.
2	WHY DO RESIDENTS DO ONE? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The goal of the QI is to learn how to identify and respond to safety, efficiency and/or quality concerns.• Residents are encouraged to select topic areas that are not primarily of academic interest (but may do so in the end).• To learn a process that you can implement in your own practice to earn Mainpro credits.
3	WHAT ARE SOME PREVIOUS TOPICS THAT RESIDENTS HAVE CHOSEN? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work flow, e.g., improving wait-times• Office management, e.g., making sure staff know what to do in the event a patient “codes”• Following guidelines, e.g., improving the screening for and/or clinical management of chronic diseases• Patient education, e.g., educating patients on aspects of their care
4	WHAT IS MY ROLE AS A PRECEPTOR? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborate with the resident to choose a domain of practice and formulate a question.• Decide if you would like to work with the resident, or allow them to work independently, to select a practice standard and audit method, perform the audit, analyze and summarize the results, and prepare a report which they can present to the preceptor/office.• Collaborate with the resident to develop and implement an improvement plan if needed.
5	WHAT’S IN IT FOR ME? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An opportunity for you to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Audit your practice in order to learn something about it that interests you.○ Develop and implement interventions or tools to improve specific areas of practice• The option to apply for Mainpro credits for your participation.
6	HOW MUCH EFFORT IS MY RESIDENT EXPECTED TO PUT INTO THE QI? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residents are expected to commit approximately 10 hours in total to this project• The final deliverable is to complete the QI report (template available on website below) and to submit this to their site faculty for scholarship.• Submission of the report should be done ideally at the end of the family practice block, but if they need more time, they can extend this past their FP block• At some sites, residents must present their learning to their colleagues at academic half day. <p>This project must be done by the end of their R1 year as it is a requirement for promotion to R2.</p>
7	WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT PIPS? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For further reading if you’re interested, please head to the UBC Scholarship Website:• postgrad.familymed.ubc.ca/resident-resources/scholarship-project/qi-and-cqi-project/• bcguidelines.ca/qualitybookoftools.ca/• If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Site Faculty for Scholarship.