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Executive Officer,  
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Re :- Consultation , Core Medical Standards

Dear Sir,

Please accept my submission, below, to this consultation process

**1. Good lectures and reading diary**

Attendance at good, relevant lectures plus reading diary must alone be the mainstay of CPD. This is where we get our meaningful, ongoing education. All your other named sources are of far less educational value.

**2. 50 hours/ year too much**

50 hours of countable CPD, unless it allows the above, usually requires an investment of at least 2-3 times that time in travelling, waiting, prereading, collecting data , record keeping for audit etc. Bear in mind our profession , of necessity, requires frequent researching and updating our knowledge of our individual patients diagnostic pathways, treatment options, prognosis etc plus feedbacks by various individual patients and reading feedback correspondence from specialist referrals, hospital discharges etc. We are thus already doing at least this amount of cpd on a very relevant and daily basis.

**3. AHPRA OR RACGP**

If we are going to have to do a count for and be subject to audits by AHPRA for 50 hours CPD / year, then we must be de -shackled from the similar but different obligations with RACGP

This is purely an initiative designed to CYA of AHPRA beurocrats and is not going to change the quality of medical care of patients in any way

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