Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

ICR defines Continuing Professional Development (CPD) as: **"**A structured approach to maintaining, improving and broadening professional knowledge and personal qualities that enable clinical researchers to advance their professional development and to fulfil their professional, technical and ethical responsibilities throughout their working life".

Members of ICR have undertaken a professional and ethical obligation to remain up to date with best practice standards in clinical research. ICR provides the tools to help you with the process of CPD.

**Questions and Answers**

Do I have to use ICR's forms?

You have already made a start with CPD if you are using any of the following, e.g. training records, a learning log, appraisal system, a personal development plan. CPD can be recorded in any format. ICR's CPD forms can be used as a template. However, if you are using a record that works for you there is no need to change.

What help do we offer?

* Email your enquiries to membership department.
* Phone us on +44 1628 501700
* Review examples of completed records
* Regular articles about CPD in CRfocus, and the monthly CPD Quiz
* Buy the [monograph](http://www.icr-global.org/resources/publications/)'Managing your own professional development ', by J. Burmester

If CPD is about commitment to develop myself, why do I have to provide paperwork to ICR? It all seems a bit academic!

ICR will conduct a random audit of Professional members each year to ensure CPD requirements are being met. Fellows are required to provide us with evidence of CPD each year.

I'm very busy with work at the moment and I don't have time to do CPD!

CPD is about reflecting on the learning that you already do on a day-to-day basis. The real benefit of CPD is in giving you permission to spend time on yourself. Clinical research professionals can demonstrate, and receive recognition for, their experience and level of expertise by applying for successively higher levels of membership. Part of this process involves providing ICR with documented evidence of participating in CPD.

#### **Links**

* [CPD2: CPD Framework](http://www.icr-global.org/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=7475)
* [CPD3: CPD Categories and Activities](http://www.icr-global.org/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=7476)
* [CPD4: CPD Points Table](http://www.icr-global.org/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=7494)
* [CPD5: CPD Audit Scheme](http://www.icr-global.org/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=7477)
* [CPD7: CSci CPD Standards](http://www.icr-global.org/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=7479)

#### **Example Forms**

* [CPDF1: CPD Record Card](http://www.icr-global.org/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=1807)
* [CPDF2: CPD Activities Planner](http://www.icr-global.org/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=1808)
* [CPDF3: Career Planner](http://www.icr-global.org/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=1809)

#### **Forms**

* [CPDF1: CPD Record Card](http://www.icr-global.org/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=1941)
* [CPDF2: CPD Activities Planner](http://www.icr-global.org/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=1942)
* [CPDF3: Career Planner](http://www.icr-global.org/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=1943)