**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**What is the aim of EVOLVE?**

The aim of EVOLVE is to drive safe, high quality patient care through the identification and reduction of low-value medical practices and interventions.

**What sorts of medical practices and interventions could be classified as ‘low value’?**

These are medical practices – including tests, procedures or interventions – which are overused, inappropriate and/or of limited effectiveness or even potentially harmful in a given clinical context.

**What is the specialty society’s role and what is the College’s role?**

EVOLVE is a partnership between the College and its specialty societies.

Each specialty society is responsible for identifying Fellows to lead their work, developing their list, engaging with its members and providing feedback to the RACP on systemic barriers to adoption of each lists’ recommendations.

The RACP is the umbrella body; developing common frameworks and a robust methodology, coordinating across and between specialties, connecting EVOLVE with associated initiatives such as *Choosing Wisely* *Australia,* and communicating and advocating for high-value care.

**Why the name EVOLVE?**

The name of the initiative reflects the dynamic and evolving nature of evidence-based medicine.

**How can I get involved with EVOLVE?**

Contact your specialty to see how you could get involved with the work to develop a list if there isn’t one already for your specialty, or to find out what materials or resources are available to help support the list’s dissemination and uptake.

Alternatively email the RACP at [evolve@racp.edu.au](mailto:evolve@racp.edu.au) and we will be able to provide you with further information or put you in touch with the lead Fellows in your clinical field.

**What does EVOLVE have to do with *Choosing Wisely Australia*?**

The RACP is a founding partner of *Choosing Wisely Australia*, and EVOLVE is a major contributor. The RACP supports its specialties in developing their lists of top 5 low value items and as part of this supports the liaison with *Choosing Wisely Australia* on the specialties’ behalf. All EVOLVE lists are part of the *Choosing Wisely* *Australia* campaign.

EVOLVE is part of a growing international movement aimed at driving high-value care, as is *Choosing Wisely Australia* which is coordinated and managed by NPS MedicineWise. As outlined on its [website](http://www.choosingwisely.org.au/), *Choosing Wisely* is aimed at ‘helping the medical community & consumers start an important conversation about improving the quality of healthcare by eliminating unnecessary and sometimes harmful tests, treatments, and procedures’.

As part of its work, NPS MedicineWise will be supporting the dissemination of EVOLVE lists to non-RACP clinicians and consumers. They are also looking to develop a range of consumer and patient-focused materials and resources.

**What does EVOLVE have to do with the MBS Review Taskforce?**

EVOLVE is a Fellow-led initiative, completely independent of government. Its aim is to promote high value care through the development and dissemination of lists of the ‘top 5’ low value items relevant to each specialty. EVOLVE has no formal relationship to the MBS Review Taskforce. The MBS Review Taskforce may however provide opportunities for the College to advance the objectives of EVOLVE. The College is engaged with the MBS Review Taskforce and liaises with Fellows and specialty societies to promote members’ views to the Taskforce.

**Who is responsible/owns for the lists, the specialty or the RACP?**

The lists are jointly owned by the specialty and the College. Both are able to disseminate and promote them.

**What happens to the EVOLVE lists once they are developed?**

The lists will be widely and publicly available. They can be accessed via a range of means, including from the EVOLVE website, Australian lists via the *Choosing Wisely Australia* campaign, as well as from the speciality societies. Printed materials and supporting educational resources will also be available.

**What has EVOLVE learnt from the US Choosing Wisely initiative?**

There was some criticism that a number of the first US Choosing Wisely lists included items that weren’t being widely used in clinical practice, and therefore reducing their use wouldn’t really have an impact. Some lists also highlighted clinical practices performed by other specialties rather than their own.

EVOLVE has addressed this by developing an agreed set of EVOLVE principles (link) which highlights that items to be considered for lists should be:

* within or significantly impact their domain of practice
* either growing in usage or common/significant items in terms of usage.

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