

Terms of reference: Advancing clinical practice network (including Consultants)

Context

Given the ongoing challenges in the health and care system, it has become a strategic priority to create a sustainable, flexible, and adaptable workforce that can embrace new ways of working. This presents opportunities for roles and careers to be centred on the needs of the individuals, communities, and populations we serve, alongside developing new capabilities and professional development pathways for occupational therapists at every career level. These opportunities extend across all four Pillars of Practice, namely Professional Practice, Facilitation of Learning, Leadership and Evidence, Research and Development (RCOT 2021, p9).

People working at advanced and consultant levels of practice are educated to master's level, doctoral level or equivalent, respectively. They have the experience, skills and knowledge that enable them to undertake expanded roles and scope of practice, within the requirements set by their regulatory bodies, to maximise the capacity and capability of teams and services.

To read further please refer to the [Advancing practice informed view](#).

Purpose:

- The aim of this virtual network is to:
- Provide a platform to share information with RCOT members working at or supporting Advancing Levels of Practice across the UK
- Seek support from each other to inform work that promotes the occupational therapy profession within advancing practice
- Develop a community of practice for occupational therapists at advancing levels of practice

The virtual network is designed for RCOT members at Career Levels 6-9 who are considering, studying for, working as or supporting the development of Advancing Practice for occupational therapists across all sectors, including Advanced Clinical Practice and Consultant levels.

In line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) names and email addresses are not shared.

Please be aware that, as with the other networks, the Advancing clinical practice network has certain ground rules. These are:

- Everyone's email address and other contact details will not be shared without a person's consent
- If someone wishes to share information or raise a question to the group then please send to practice.admin@rcot.co.uk
- When using the SharePoint Network Hub, professional conduct and communication is expected at all times, in line with the [RCOT Professional standards for occupational therapy practice, conduct and ethics](#) (2021)
- Abusive and offensive language and materials are forbidden
- Members should only share resources and materials that are in the public domain, or with appropriate permission
- RCOT reserves the right to remove any content that is not deemed to be appropriate

- If you change your email address, please contact practice.admin@rcot.co.uk with your new details as soon as possible
- Members can remove their name from the group at any time by contacting practice.admin@rcot.co.uk

Thank you for participating in this network. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact practice.admin@rcot.co.uk.