# Discussion Paper: Compliance with Clinical Governance Obligations

*For inclusion in your governing body meeting papers, and discussion in your next meeting.*

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**Understanding obligations and setting expectations**

Clinical governance obligations for aged care providers are set out under the *Aged Care Act 1997* and the *Aged Care Quality Standards*. These specify outcomes for consumers relating to their health and well-being, including through the provision of safe, high quality clinical care.

It is important that everyone in the organisation is aware of how they can demonstrate compliance with clinical governance obligations, including staff understanding what is expected of them in practice.

Keep abreast of the introduction of new requirements

New requirements which commence on 1 December 2022 require governing bodies to include one member with experience in delivering clinical care and the establishment of new consumer and quality care advisory bodies to strengthen clinical governance. For further information on the changes to provider governance arrangements refer to [Stronger provider governance in aged care](https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/aged-care/aged-care-reforms-and-reviews/stronger-provider-governance-in-aged-care).

BEFORE THE MEETING

To ensure the most productive discussion within the governing body meeting:

* Complete **Module 13: Clinical Governance** (20min)
* Read **Topic Guide – Quality in Aged Care** (10min)
* Read the new requirements for [provider governance](https://www.agedcarequality.gov.au/providers/provider-governance)

Review **data, policies and procedures specific to your organisation** including for example: *compliance policy* and *register, clinical governance policy and/or framework, clinical governance committee charter, outcomes from the last quality review against the Quality Standards, training and learning related to clinical governance.*

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| QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION1. How have we communicated all clinical governance obligations applicable to our organisation and set expectations clearly across our governing body, executive and workforce?
2. How do we ensure the governing body has the appropriate understanding, skills and qualifications to deliver quality care, understand the needs of consumers and take appropriate action to emerging risks?
3. What monitoring do we as a governing body currently have in place to ensure ongoing compliance (e.g. assurance activities)? What is the data relating to our quality and safety KPIs telling us about our performance, and how could we continue to improve these results?
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You might also find it useful to check out **Module 2: Obligations & Accountabilities** and the Topic Guide on **Governing Body Legal Duties & Compliance Management.**