# Mini audit ideas for Locums

Here are a few ideas for small-scale performance review/outcome measurement ideas that you can complete as a locum.

## PDSA cycles

### Plan

* + Choose from common/important conditions (the [ACRRM Rural Generalist Curriculum](https://www.acrrm.org.au/docs/default-source/all-files/rural-generalist-curriculum_final.pdf?sfvrsn=b0fe42c8_4) is a useful resource for audit ideas)
  + Choose something you think you could learn more about and improve on
  + Choose something you can actually make a difference in as a locum, no matter how small

At the beginning of locum placement, discuss this with the practice manager i.e., clinical audit requirements /data collection

Choose something easily searchable and de-identifiable

E.g., condition, medication, age, investigation, parameter, intervention, prevention

### Do

* Review best practices/current guidelines for that topic
* Identify a simple intervention that is important in the management of that condition and also easily searchable
* E.g., target, intervention, investigation, treatment, preventive check, referral

### Study

Audit

* At the end of the locum placement, pull up records for the thing you choose and audit/analyse the number of times you did the intervention/management

Reflect

* Decide how you might be able to improve and implement changes to practice

### Act

At your next locum placement, repeat the process and measure any improvements (PDSA)

## Review clinical records

* + For example, review smoking status, recording of an item of history, allergies, cervical screening etc
  + Review referrals

## Review cases

* + Identify best practice for a particular area
  + Review cases against best practice
  + Discuss with colleagues