

Clinical peer review

Clinical [peer review](#), also known as [medical peer review](#) is the process by which [Healthcare](#) professionals, including those in nursing and pharmacy, evaluate each other's clinical performance.

A discipline-specific process may be referenced accordingly (e.g., physician peer review, nursing peer review).

Today, clinical peer review is most commonly done in hospitals, but may also occur in other practice settings including surgical centers and large group practices. The primary purpose of peer review is to improve the [quality](#) and [safety](#) of care. Secondly, it serves to reduce the organization's vicarious [malpractice](#) liability and meet regulatory requirements. In the US, these include accreditation, licensure and Medicare participation. Peer review also supports the other processes that healthcare organizations have in place to assure that physicians are competent and practice within the boundaries of professionally accepted norms

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