

Clinical Narrative for Advanced Clinicians and Clinical Scholars

Guidelines for Clinical Narrative

A clinical narrative is a first person “story” written by a clinician that describes a specific clinical event or situation. Writing the narrative allows a clinician to describe and illustrate her / his current clinical practice in a way that can be easily shared and discussed with professional colleagues. In addition, the narrative can help clinicians examine and reflect on their clinical practice or analyze a particular clinical situation.

For recognition at the Advanced Clinician or Clinical Scholar level, you will submit a written clinical narrative as part of your portfolio. The narrative must describe a clinical event or situation that occurred in the six months prior to the date of the submission of your portfolio. Detailed guidelines on writing the clinical narrative are included in the Clinical Recognition Program’s information folder. If you did not receive a copy of these guidelines, please speak to your manager or director. Additional copies are available.