



## The GCC Test of Competence

### Anonymised Patient Records – Information for Overseas Educational Institutions and Employers.

The GCC's Test of Competence (TOC) comprises a written element which is the completion of an Evidence of Practice Questionnaire. Anonymised patient records are requested as part of this questionnaire as supporting evidence and are a compulsory part of the TOC. The records are used to assess the applicant's ability to obtain and document case histories, create and maintain legible and attributable records and document plans of care in line with the GCC's Code.

All anonymised records that are submitted to the GCC as part of an Evidence of Practice Questionnaire are used for the sole purpose of the TOC. The GCC does not use these records for any other purpose, nor does it share them with any third parties.

**No patient confidentiality requirements will be breached if an applicant submits records belonging to your patients to us, so long as those records have been anonymised.**

We ask that all applicants submit real records where possible. These may be records taken in their own practices overseas, records that were taken as a result of assessing and caring for patients in a student clinic or records taken through the observation or the shadowing of another chiropractor. Applicants are permitted to create patient records based on real cases that they have previously encountered only if they have exhausted all options of obtaining real records. However, this will result in the applicant being subject to a longer and significantly more intensive interview process to ensure that they meet our standards.

The GCC stipulates that patient confidentiality must be protected by anonymising patient records. A requirement of all registrants is to avoid improper disclosure of patient information and registrants are advised to anonymise data in the event that information needs to be disclosed. To correctly anonymise data, all identifiable information about the patient, for example; their name, address, date of birth, photographs etc. are removed. Applicants to the TOC must ensure that all personal data within their records are redacted or deleted before being submitted to the GCC.