

# Is it clinical audit?/CASC's 4 Step Guide

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IMPROVEMENT PROCESS



Start by asking **Is the purpose of the proposed project to try and improve current care?** Clinical audit is an improvement tool so your answer should be YES. As a minimum audit should seek to assure care.

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STANDARDS - BASED

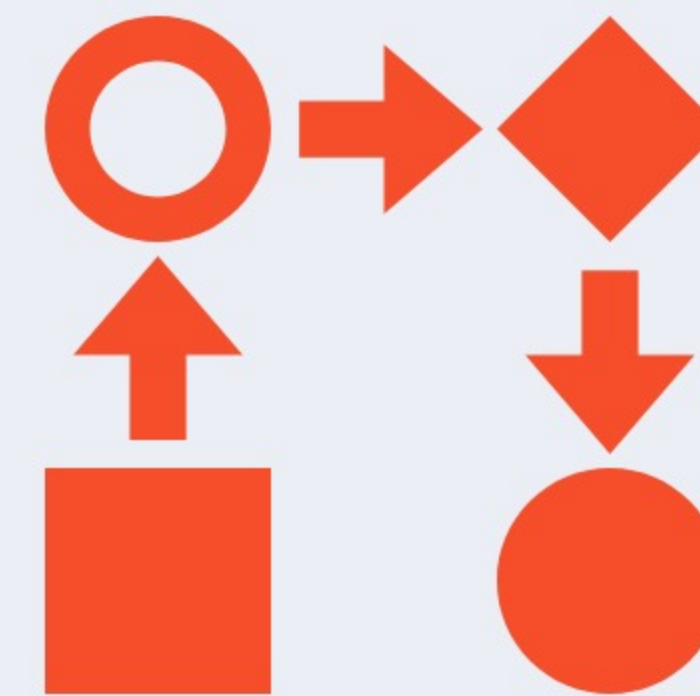


Question 2: **Will the project involve measuring current practice against agreed best practice (e.g. standards, guidelines, protocols, etc.)?** For your project to be a clinical audit your answer to Q2 MUST be YES.

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ROUTINE CARE



Question 3: **Does the project involve anything being done to the patient that would not have been part of their routine management?** If you answer YES to this question you may be conducting research. Audit focuses on routine practice.

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QUANTITATIVE



Final question: **Do the vast majority of your questions ask for quantitative (yes/no) answers as opposed to qualitative (free text) answers?** If the answer is NO you are likely to be conducting a survey or non-audit project.