

**The Royal College of Ophthalmologists**  
Education and Training Department

**Cataract audit: 50 consecutive cases (completed during ST4-7)**

**Please note: all CCT applications received after 30 August 2017 must be supported by an audit where the surgery is performed within three calendar years of the CCT date.**

Please refer to the RCOphth Ophthalmic Services [guidance chapter on audit and clinical effectiveness](#) and the [OST curriculum](#)  
Cataract National Dataset, Eye (2009) 23, 38–49.

The following data should be recorded for each cataract case:

Date of surgery  
Hospital number  
Pre op VA (best measured) in the eye to be operated  
Pre op co-pathology/reasons for a guarded visual prognosis/complications (as per Table 5\*)  
Operative complications (as per Table 7\*)  
Post-operative complications (as per Table 8\*)  
Best measured post-operative VA  
Spherical equivalent refractive aim spherical equivalent post-operative refraction

**For cases with complications you must include outcome data (final refraction, complications such as cystoid macular oedema, etc.)**

Your audit needs to be presented as an audit paper (preferably saved as a PDF file) and should include the following:

- Title
- Background
- Aim
- Setting
- Standards
- Method (including approach to sampling)
- Results
- Interpretation of findings
- Adjustments to practice
- Date for re-audit

The following should be provided for the audit:

% of eyes achieving post-op visual acuity 6/6 or better and 6/12 or better with and without ocular co-pathology (as per Table 10\*)  
% of per-operative complications (in particular PC rupture with and without vitreous loss)  
% of post-operative complications  
% of eyes within 0.5 D of the refractive aim and within 1D of the refractive aim

\*Refer to the Cataract National Dataset, Eye (2009) 23, 38–49.

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