

# Practice Groupings

Practices can be grouped to enable comparisons between similar practices or to provide geographical or otherwise relevant groupings. For example participation in particular projects can be used as grouping criteria. All practices that are part of an ongoing quality improvement program could be added to a group and can thus be easily compared to the overall data or to other grouped practices not participating in the program. After configuring at least two practices you can add groups by clicking on the Practice Groupings tab in the Practices screen.

The screenshot shows the 'Practice Groupings' tab in a software interface. A modal dialog titled 'Add Group' is open. It contains the following fields: 'Group Name' with the value 'Test Group', 'Group ID' with the value 'TGR', 'Notes' with the text 'This is an example for a group', and 'Colour' with a hex code '33FF00' and a corresponding green color swatch. At the bottom of the dialog are 'Ok' and 'Cancel' buttons. In the top right corner of the 'Practice Groupings' tab, there is an 'Add Group' button.

Figure 8: Practice Groupings Setup

After giving the group a name and ID you will have to select a colour - this helps to identify different groups in the reports. Click on OK to save your group. The next step is to add practices to the new group; all practices will be displayed in the list and you can choose practices by clicking the box next to their name/ID.

The screenshot shows the 'Practice Groupings' tab. On the left, a list shows 'Test Group (TGR)' with a green checkmark and an 'Add Practice' button below it. A modal dialog titled 'Add Practice To Group' is open, showing 'Group: Test Group (TGR)'. Inside the dialog, there is a list of practices: 'GTCMC' (checked), 'PCSMC' (unchecked), and 'VGP' (checked). At the bottom of the dialog are 'Add' and 'Cancel' buttons. In the top right corner of the 'Practice Groupings' tab, there is an 'Add Group' button.

Figure 9: Adding Practices to a Group

This will create your new group with the colour selected:

The screenshot shows the 'Practice Groupings' tab. A green box represents the newly created 'Test Group (TGR)'. Inside this box, the practices 'GTCMC' and 'VGP' are listed with 'x' marks next to them, indicating they are members of the group. An 'Add Practice' button is located at the bottom of the green box. In the top right corner of the 'Practice Groupings' tab, there is an 'Add Group' button.

Figure 10: Practice Group

To leave this screen and return to the standard PAT CAT interface click on

Looking at any numerical report (accessed via the 'View Report' button) in PAT CAT now shows a different view as the grouped practices are displayed in the colour chosen and with their own aggregated results. Each individual clinic is still shown to allow individual reporting within the group and in the overall reporting. In the example below the 'Smoking' report is displayed.

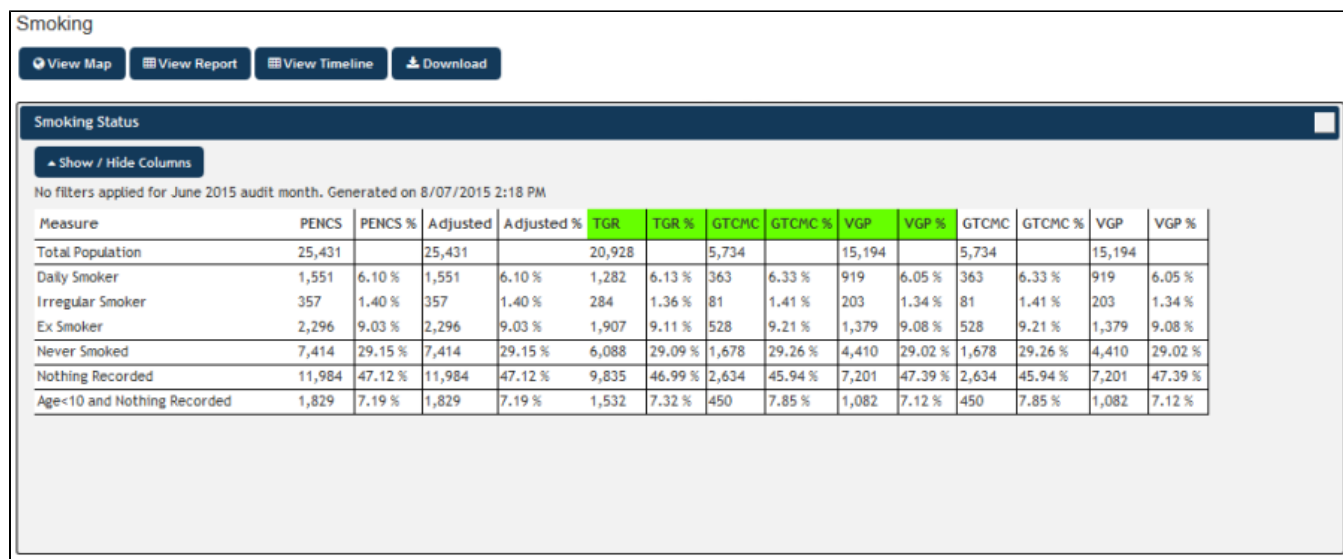


Figure 11: Practice Group Smoking Report Example

Practice groupings are visible to the organisation users as well as to practice users – so the groupings can be used to benchmark similar practices.