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HLTAHCS008 Provide support to women with cancer

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to provide information and support to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients with cancer and their families to enable informed choices about treatment and ongoing care. Support would be provided to female clients of any age with cancers that are particular to females, or with other cancers that affect both males and females.

It requires the ability to assist clients to participate in the planning of their ongoing treatment and care, take self-management approaches, and access cancer support services. It covers the coordination of follow-up care for clients with cancer.

This unit is specific to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people working as health workers or health practitioners. They work as part of a multidisciplinary primary health care team to provide primary health care services to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State or Territory legislation, Australian standards and industry codes of practice.

No regulatory requirement for certification, occupational or business licensing is linked to this unit at the time of publication. For information about practitioner registration and accredited courses of study, contact the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia (ATSIHPBA).

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Health Care and Support

Unit Sector

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements describe the

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to

*essential outcomes**demonstrate achievement of the element.*

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist women with self-management approaches for cancer. 2. Provide resources and information about cancer support services. 3. Provide information and support to women with cancer. 4. Complete documentation and provide follow-up care for women with cancer. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Provide information about cancer, treatment and health care options in plain language using culturally appropriate and safe communication. 1.2. Explain to client their role in managing the disease and elements of self-management. 1.3. Assist client to express their needs and preferences and encourage their own choices for treatments and health care. 1.4. Assist clients with cancer to actively participate in the ongoing development of multidisciplinary care plans. 2.1. Provide culturally appropriate consumer based education resources about relevant cancer and its treatment to clients and their families. 2.2. Inform clients about relevant cancer support services available in the community, state or territory. 2.3. Facilitate access to cancer support services according to client needs and preferences. 3.1. Communicate consistently in culturally appropriate and safe ways with client, using plain language. 3.2. Provide information on key psychosocial issues facing Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people with cancer. 3.3. Identify clients at higher risk of psychosocial distress and determine need for assessment. 3.4. Facilitate referrals for clients with cancer according to multidisciplinary clinical partnerships. 3.5. Discuss barriers faced by client in accessing cancer treatments and recommend resolutions. 3.6. Explain treatments, side effects and self-care strategies according to client needs. 3.7. Explain to client importance of regular check-ups, tests and reassessments in the management of cancer. 3.8. Provide information about cancer recovery and what this may mean in relation to family, community and returning to work. 3.9. Provide information about advanced care planning and palliative care when requested by client, their family or community. 4.1. Update client records to include details of services, information and referrals provided to client, according to organisational procedures. 4.2. Plan and provide continuity of care in consultation with client and multidisciplinary team. 4.3. Organise follow-up care for clients with cancer using |
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organisational registers.

- 4.4. Identify when clients are overdue for health care checks and employ active-recall strategies.

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance in this unit, but not explicit in the performance criteria are listed here, along with a brief context statement.

SKILLS	DESCRIPTION
Reading skills to:	• interpret detailed and sometimes unfamiliar client records, involving medical terminology and abbreviations • interpret detailed and sometimes unfamiliar plain language consumer based education resources.
Writing skills to:	• use fundamental sentence structure, health terminology and abbreviations to complete forms and reports that require factual and subjective information.
Oral communication skills to:	• use language and terms sensitive to clients' values and emotional state • ask open and closed probe questions and actively listen to determine client needs and understanding of information provided.
Learning skills to:	• use information provided in credible evidence based consumer resources to update and extend knowledge of cancer, treatments and available support services.
Initiative and enterprise skills to:	• source information that meets the specific needs of clients and families.

Unit Mapping Information

This unit supersedes and is not equivalent to HLTAHW0036 Provide information and support to women with breast cancer.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>