



Australian Government

HLTAMAT002 Assist with childbirth

Release: 1

HLTAMAT002 Assist with childbirth

Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to support women birthing an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child during childbirth and the immediate postpartum period under the supervision of a midwife or other medical practitioner. It requires the ability to facilitate effective communication between women, their partners and/or families and medical staff, and to assist with foetal and maternal monitoring.

This unit is specific to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people working as 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

Maternal and Children's Health

Unit Sector

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes

1. Assist midwives or medical practitioners with birthing

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

- 1.1. Confirm own role in the birthing process with midwife or medical practitioner.
- 1.2. Communicate consistently in culturally appropriate and safe

- preparations.
- ways with women, their partners or families.
- 1.3. Identify client cultural beliefs and personal preferences for their birthing from interactions and antenatal health care information and communicate these to attending midwife or medical practitioner.
 - 1.4. Facilitate questions and answers between women, their partners or families, and the midwife or medical practitioner, and confirm understanding.
2. Assist midwives or medical practitioners during the birthing process.
- 2.1. Facilitate culturally safe and effective communications between midwife or medical practitioner and woman throughout the birthing process.
 - 2.2. Work under instructions from midwife or medical practitioner and according to standard treatment protocols across the stages of labour to assist with foetal and maternal monitoring and other support activities.
 - 2.3. Ensure women, their partners or families understand the advice and actions of the attending midwife or medical practitioner, confirm informed consent and explain what this means.
 - 2.4. Provide information and encouragement to women using positive and empathetic communication.
 - 2.5. Identify signs of any complications during the birthing process and report immediately to attending midwife or medical practitioner.
 - 2.6. Monitor the emotional wellbeing of women and their partners or families during the birthing process and provide care and advice.
3. Assist midwives or medical practitioners during immediate postpartum period.
- 3.1. Complete and accurately record routine physical checks of mothers and babies according to midwife or medical practitioner instructions.
 - 3.2. Support the physical comfort of mothers and babies by providing routine postpartum information and advice.
 - 3.3. Identify signs of immediate postpartum complications and report immediately to attending midwife or medical practitioner.
 - 3.4. Monitor emotional wellbeing of mothers and their partners or families immediately after birth and provide care and advice.
 - 3.5. Update client files accurately and according to organisational procedures.

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.

DESCRIPTION

SKILLS

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Reading skills to: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• interpret sometimes complex and unfamiliar standard treatment protocols involving medical terminology and abbreviations. |
| Writing skills to: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• use fundamental sentence structure, health terminology and abbreviations to complete client records that require factual information. |
| Oral communication skills to: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• provide unambiguous information to clients using plain language and terms easily understood• ask open and closed probe questions and actively listen to elicit information from clients and determine understanding of information provided. |
| Numeracy skills to: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• interpret sometimes complex medical numerical data and abbreviations in standard treatment protocols• take and record accurate measurements involving weights, lengths, rates and degrees. |
| Technology skills to: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• recognise and assist with setting up and handling medical equipment used during childbirth. |

Unit Mapping Information

This unit supersedes and is not equivalent to HLTAHW058 Prepare for and support childbirth.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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