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Assessment Requirements for HLTANA008 Prepare patients for anaesthesia

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Modification History

Supersedes and is not equivalent to HLTANA001 Prepare clients for anaesthesia.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role, and:

- follow established technical, infection control and safety procedures to receive, prepare, transfer and position at least 10 different patients for procedures involving anaesthesia
- place a patient in each of the following positions at least once across the 10 patients:
 - prone
 - lateral
 - lithotomy
 - supine
 - Trendelenburg
 - reverse Trendelenburg
 - beach chair
- provide assistance with insertion of intravenous cannulation on at least 25 occasions
- use at least three of the following pieces of equipment correctly:
 - beds
 - cots
 - theatre trolley
 - operating table
 - patient handling equipment, including specialised equipment
 - wheelchairs
 - positioning equipment
 - slide sheet and board
 - hover matt
- perform the activities outlined in the performance criteria of this unit during a period of at least 360 hours of work related to anaesthetic technology in a clinical workplace environment. These 360 hours may be applied collectively across all units of competency that include the requirement for workplace hours for the purposes of assessment.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- • national, state or territory legal and ethical considerations for patient preparation, and how these are applied in organisations:
 - codes of practice
 - duty of care
 - infection prevention and control
 - informed consent
 - mandatory reporting
 - privacy, confidentiality and disclosure
 - records management
 - rights and responsibilities of workers, employers and patients
 - work role boundaries including responsibilities and limitations
 - work health and safety (WHS), manual handling and safe patient transfer and positioning techniques
 - World Health Organisation
- organisational policies and procedures for patient intake:
 - confirmation of identity
 - appropriate number of identifiers
 - correlation with identification band
 - other identification procedures
 - patient notes
 - completed consent form
- function and use of surgical safety lists
- requirements of the World Health Organisation Surgical Safety Checklist including the Sign In prior to surgery and the Sign Out and Time Out at the conclusion of surgery
- patient drains and traction attachments
- pre-medications and their effects relevant to providing assistance in anaesthesia
- anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology factors that impact patient positioning and equipment interface for different patient groups
- medical terminology specific to patient procedures:
 - preparation
 - attachment and detachment of equipment
 - positioning
 - transfer
- clinical documentation and handover
- tasks involved in patient preparation for surgery including:
 - premedications and routine medications
 - anti-thromboembolic devices
 - removal of personal items
 - toileting
 - fasting
 - pathology testing

- clinical measurements
- radiological investigations
- pre-warming
- surgical site preparation
- allergy identification and clarification
- how to attach routine monitoring and equipment, including:
 - electrocardiography (ECG)
 - non-invasive blood pressure cuff
 - pulse oximetry
 - gas analysers (Capnography)
 - anti-thromboembolic devices
 - diathermy plate
 - warming devices
 - patient padding and protection
 - entropy
- intravenous access techniques and equipment used.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in the workplace with the addition of simulations and scenarios where the full range of contexts and situations have not been provided in the workplace.

Assessment must ensure access to:

- use of suitable facilities, equipment and resources
- modelling of industry operating conditions, including presence of situations requiring problem solving in non-routine situations.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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