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# **HLTANA009 Monitor patients during anaesthesia**

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## Modification History

Supersedes and is not equivalent to HLTANA002 Monitor clients during anaesthesia.

## Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to observe and monitor patients, taking a broad range of clinical tests and measurements.

The unit applies to anaesthetic technicians working under the direction of, and in consultation with, an anaesthetist in any hospital or day surgery setting.

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 occupational licensing, certification or specific legislative requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

## Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

## Competency Field

Anaesthetic Technology

## Unit Sector

Health

## Elements and Performance Criteria

### ELEMENTS

*Elements describe the essential outcomes*

1. Observe patient.

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1. Read and interpret information in patient medical records.
- 1.2. Check patient's physiological parameters as directed.
- 1.3. Identify deviations from acceptable limits, check equipment for true reading and report to the anaesthetist.
- 1.4. Identify and respond to signs of patient discomfort, distress or adverse reaction within role responsibility.

2. Take measurements and samples.
  - 2.1. Prepare appropriate equipment for test or measurement being conducted.
  - 2.2. Prepare appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE).
  - 2.3. Prepare patient according to requirements of test or measurement.
  - 2.4. Maintain aseptic technique during collection of body fluid for analysis.
  - 2.5. Accurately measure patient's fluid intake and output or loss.
  - 2.6. Perform measurement or take samples in accordance with manufacturers' guidelines and organisational policies and procedures.
  - 2.7. Determine quality of measurement or sample based on established procedures.
3. Report measurements.
  - 3.1. Read test results and report to the anaesthetist.
  - 3.2. Promptly identify and report abnormal findings to the anaesthetist.
  - 3.3. Document results of measurement or ensure documentation is completed.
4. Decontaminate and store equipment.
  - 4.1. Following the conclusion of the procedure, decontaminate monitoring equipment in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.
  - 4.2. Store equipment ready for next use.

## Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

## Unit Mapping Information

Supersedes and is not equivalent to HLTANA002 Monitor clients during anaesthesia.

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>