



Australian Government

HLTAUD006 Remove cerumen

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version was released in <i>HLT Health Training Package release 2.0</i> and meets the requirements of the 2012 Standards for Training Packages. New unit.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare for the cerumen removal process, conduct an otoscopy, and remove cerumen safely using curetting only.

This unit applies to audiometrists.

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

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements define the essential outcomes

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

1. Prepare for cerumen removal

1.1 Determine client needs through review of client case history and case management plan

1.2 Clearly explain cerumen removal procedure and provide opportunity for client to ask questions

1.3 Gain client consent for extraction procedure

1.4 Set up equipment following standard protocols and infection control guidelines

2. Conduct otoscopy

2.1 Follow personal hygiene and infection control procedures

2.2 Conduct otoscopy in a non-threatening manner and produce valid, reliable and accurate results in accordance

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2.3 Identify and respond to any abnormalities of the ear canal

2.4 Identify contra-indications to cerumen removal

2.5 Identify most appropriate method for cerumen removal taking into account results of findings

2.6 Follow cerumen softening procedures to dissolve cerumen if impaction present

2.7 Make referral to appropriate agency for further assessment and treatment

3. Remove cerumen

3.1 Select appropriately sized speculum as required

3.2 Extract cerumen using a sterilised wax ring and appropriate head light

4. Follow post-cerumen removal procedures

4.1 Complete post-cerumen removal otoscopic inspection to review status of ear canal

4.2 Address any post removal requirements using established methods

4.3 Complete accurate treatment documentation following organisational procedures

4.4 Identify the need for referral and refer client to health profession as required

Foundation Skills

The Foundation Skills describe those required skills (language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills) that are essential to performance.

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

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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