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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	<p>This version was released in <i>HLT Health Training Package release 3.0</i> and meets the requirements of the 2012 Standards for Training Packages.</p> <p>Minimal changes to the elements and performance criteria. New evidence requirements for assessment including volume and frequency requirements.</p> <p>Removal of pre-requisites</p> <p>Supersedes HLTDA413B</p>

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to promote oral health for older people.

This unit applies to dental assistants and to other health care workers who are actively involved in promoting the general well-being of older patients through the promotion of healthy eating habits and good oral health.

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. Assess the oral health needs of an older person

1.1 Check medical and dental history with patient or family or carer to confirm up-to-date information

1.2 Actively encourage the patient to discuss oral health problems without embarrassment

1.3 Identify oral health problems for older people and their relationship to general health problems

1.4 Identify individualised factors that increase the risk of oral disease for older persons

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1.5 Look in the patient's mouth while cleaning or assisting with oral care

1.6 Identify patients with natural teeth, those who wear dentures and those who are non-denture wearers

1.7 Identify problems that require referral to a dentist

2. Provide support for the maintenance of oral hygiene for older persons

2.1 Ensure flexibility of oral hygiene instruction taking into consideration a patient's individual circumstances

2.2 Demonstrate an understanding of the economic and psychological factors that may affect the oral health of older people

2.3 Provide an appropriate environment for oral hygiene instruction

2.4 Develop and give oral hygiene information to patients and carers using language and in a manner they can understand.

3. Implement practical solutions to promote oral health

3.1 Explain actively to patients and carers the importance of regular dental care to maintain quality of life

3.2 Recommend lifestyle changes to assist the older person's diminished salivary flow in consultation with dental practitioner

3.3 Provide appropriate information to patients and carers for healthy food habits that support oral health

3.4 Actively encourage patients or carers to clean teeth or dentures after meals

3.5 Engage carers with appropriate oral health care promotion programs and resources

4. Maintain oral health of people in residential aged care

4.1 Ensure all removable dentures are visibly marked with the patient's identification

4.2 Record oral health in the patient's personal care plan

4.3 Implement individual oral health programs in consultation with dental professional

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4.4 Assist patients with special needs to clean their teeth

4.5 Assist patients or their carers to clean and maintain dentures

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>