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HLTDEN016 Assist with dental radiography

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	Release 2 HLTDEN016 Assist with dental radiography supersedes and is equivalent to Release 1 HLTDEN016 Assist with dental radiography. Updated: Mapping details and minor corrections.
Release 1	HLTDEN016 Assist with dental radiography supersedes and is not equivalent to HLTDEN002 Assist with dental radiography.

Application

This unit of competency describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to prepare patients for dental radiography. It also describes the skills and knowledge to process and mount conventional dental radiographs.

This unit applies to dental assisting work under the instruction and supervision of the dental practitioner.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/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

Dental Assisting

Unit Sector

Dental

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes

1. Prepare for dental radiography.
2. Process and mount dental radiographs for viewing.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1. Ensure work surfaces are clean and dry.
- 1.2. Select and prepare the correct radiographic image receptors, relevant holders and patient record for the radiographic examination and make it available to the practitioner.
- 1.3. Assist the practitioner in the implementation of safe work practices to minimise radiation risks to workers and to patients during procedure.
- 2.1. Wear personal protective equipment.
- 2.2. Handle image receptors carefully to maintain quality.
- 2.3. Process image as directed by practitioner.
- 2.4. Orientate or mount image in correct viewing perspective, identifying landmarks to confirm.
- 2.5. Ensure image is labelled, dated and attached to the appropriate patient record for storage or filing.
- 2.6. Check radiograph image meets diagnostic standards and notify operator of any defects.
- 2.7. Identify improvements in processing or mounting images to ensure quality criteria is met.

Foundation Skills

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

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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