



Australian Government

Assessment Requirements for HLTDEN019

Assist in dental procedures during general anaesthesia

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Modification History

Release 1. HLTDEN019 Assist in dental procedures during general anaesthesia supersedes and is not equivalent to HLTDEN005 Assist in oral health care procedures during general 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:

- prepare equipment and assist the practitioner with dental procedures for three different patients under general anaesthesia, including:
 - assisting the practitioner in aseptically handling and correctly positioning the equipment during the procedure
 - following procedures to ensure patient safety during general anaesthesia
 - correctly maintaining and storing instruments, equipment, materials and medicaments
 - following organisational waste management and cleaning of equipment guidelines
- support the dental team in the discharge care of at least one patient recovering from a dental procedure following general anaesthesia.

Knowledge Evidence

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

- national and State or Territory legal and ethical requirements and considerations for dental assisting work including:
 - codes of practice
 - discrimination
 - duty of care
 - informed consent and statutory requirements of consent
 - current Dental Board of Australia (DBA) and Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) guidelines and practice standards
 - privacy, confidentiality and disclosure
 - records management
 - work role boundaries including responsibilities and limitations
 - work health and safety
- practitioners who are authorised to administer general anaesthesia to a patient, and the assessment process required before the dental procedure is carried out
- levels of consciousness

- equipment used to administer a general anaesthetic and equipment used in monitoring patient pre- and post-operatively
- risks associated with general anaesthesia including risks of:
 - chest infection
 - cross-infection from instruments and handpieces
 - deep venous thrombosis (DVT)
 - anaphylaxis including from a reaction to anaesthetic
 - lowered patient's body temperature, they may need extra blankets or warming devices to protect against hypothermia
 - compromised patient comfort, ensure pressure points on skin are monitored
 - aseptic handling of instruments
 - dental instruments
 - management of sterile packs
- reasons for keeping accurate records of dental conditions and treatments
- reasons why patients need to follow pre- and post-operative instructions, and the importance of this
- medical emergencies and complications which may arise during and after general anaesthesia and appropriate medical responses and treatment to be given by the dental team
- organisational policies and procedures for:
 - intake and discharge of patients
 - confidentiality of patient information
 - suite or theatre used for dental procedures under anaesthesia
 - waste management and cleaning.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in a dental workplace with the addition of simulations and scenarios where the full range of contexts and situations cannot be provided in the workplace.

The requirement under performance evidence for the candidate to prepare equipment and assist the practitioner with dental procedures for three different patients under general anaesthesia must have been demonstrated using simulation prior to demonstration in the workplace and with members of the general public.

Assessment must ensure:

- access to suitable facilities, equipment and resources including:
 - sterile dental equipment and instruments
 - surgical personal protective equipment for aseptic technique procedures
 - operating trolley
 - suctioning equipment
 - access to defibrillator
 - waste disposal equipment

- current Dental Board of Australia (DBA) and Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) guidelines and practice standards
- modelling of industry operating conditions including access to people for simulations and scenarios in dental assisting work

Assessment must involve demonstration of tasks under the direction of the dental practitioner. Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors and hold a minimum of five years clinical dental experience.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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