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Assessment Requirements for HLTOHC007 Recognise and respond to oral health issues

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Modification History

Release 1. HLTOHC007 Recognise and respond to oral health issues supersedes and is not equivalent to HLTOHC001 Recognise and respond to oral health issues.

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:

- perform a visual oral health check on five different patients, including:
 - identifying any signs and symptoms related to oral health care issues
 - gathering relevant information from visual check and questioning to initiate appropriate follow up oral health care
 - using safe manual handling techniques as required when working with patients with special care needs.

Knowledge Evidence

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

- basic anatomy and physiology underpinning oral health, including what is considered healthy and unhealthy
- patient behaviour and habits which contribute to oral health issues
- causes and prevention of tooth decay, gum disease and tooth wear, including erosion, abrasion and attrition
- effective self-care practices for oral health including cause, control and prevention of dental plaque
- State or Territory and national government policy and programs and reporting processes for oral health accessibility to services, including availability of private and public oral health services, including eligibility for services.
- role of oral health professionals
- factors that impact on oral health, including:
 - abuse including neglect of oral health needs
 - access to dental and health services
 - alcohol, licit and illicit drugs and substances, over the counter and herbal treatments
 - correct infant feeding practices
 - damage from habitual grinding of teeth
 - diet and nutrition, including fluids and excessive intake of sugar
 - fluoride

- general health and wellbeing
- immunosuppressant conditions, HIV, chemotherapy and radiation
- injury to mouth, including from a seizure
- medical history
- oral piercings
- patient oral health information
- presence of plaque and calculus
- psychological issues, including fear of being seen without dentures or persisting with ill-fitting dentures for satisfaction of others
- salivary function
- smoking
- social and cultural determinants of health
- susceptible tooth surfaces
- transmission of bacteria particularly from family or carer to child
- teeth misalignment causing trauma to teeth
- trauma to mouth as a result of an accident
- communication strategies that focus on patient needs including mental health and disabilities
- safe manual handling techniques
- organisational policies and procedures for:
 - patient privacy
 - confidentiality of patient information and disclosure
 - documentation and reporting
- healthy eating recommendations as identified in the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHMRC) Australian dietary guidelines.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in the workplace with the addition of simulations and scenarios where the full range of contexts and situations cannot be provided in the workplace or may occur only rarely.

The following aspect of the performance evidence must have been demonstrated using ten simulation scenarios prior to demonstration in the workplace or with members of the general public:

- performing a visual oral health check

Assessment must ensure:

- access to suitable equipment and resources, including:
 - appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- access to current Dental board of Australia (DBA) and Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) guidelines and practice standards

- access to current Dental Board of Australia (DBA) infection control and record keeping guidelines
- access to National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHMRC) Australian dietary guidelines
- access to organisational policies and procedures for:
 - patient privacy
 - confidentiality of patient information and disclosure
 - documentation and reporting
- modelling of industry operating conditions including access to people for simulations and scenarios in oral health care work.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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