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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to conduct clinical assessments and deliver standard patient care in the pre-hospital and out-of-hospital environment.

This unit applies to out-of-hospital health care workers. The worker assists in advanced life support, prioritises clinical care, implements time-critical health care procedures and therapies, and monitors patients based on patient needs and in accordance with established clinical practice guidelines and protocols.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State or Territory legislation, Australian Standards and industry codes of practice.

Elements and Performance Criteria

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PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements define the essential outcomes.

1. Perform out-of-hospital patient assessment.

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

- 1.1. Conduct pre-planning of assessment before arrival at scene based on information communicated in the request for service.
- 1.2. Conduct scene survey according to established clinical guidelines and protocols.
- 1.3. Perform systematic patient assessment to collect and analyse information.
- 1.4. Use clinical knowledge to assess the mechanism and

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patterns for injury or illness to make an informed decision about the patient's condition.

1.5. Use principles of anatomy and physiology to identify variations from normal homeostasis.

1.6. Differentiate between patients who require rapid stabilisation and transport because of trauma or illness, and those who require further on-the-scene assessment and management.

1.7. Use equipment correctly to support patient care being implemented.

2. Plan out-of-hospital patient care.

2.1. Determine time-critical issues given resource considerations.

2.2. Assess transport requirements and appropriate destination, versus transport criticality, to ensure requirements of urgency and patient care are met.

2.3. Assess the effects and any associated risks of proposed patient's condition.

2.4. Develop a patient management plan based on patient's needs and assessment of scene.

2.5. Use available information to justify patient management plan.

3. Implement out-of-hospital patient care procedures.

3.1. Implement all care and treatment procedures within established scope of practice defined by organisational guidelines and protocols.

3.2. Commence pharmacological therapies as determined by patient's presenting condition, within established scope of practice defined by organisational guidelines and protocols.

3.3. Identify need for assistance where the situation or patient's condition requires treatment that is outside the scope of practice and seek clinical support immediately.

4. Monitor and evaluate out-of-hospital patient care.

4.1. Evaluate patient care interventions and pharmacological therapy, noting effectiveness of treatment regime and amend according to patient's condition in accordance with established clinical guidelines and protocols.

4.2. Use equipment to monitor all aspects of patient's condition at appropriate intervals.

4.3. Record data regarding patient's condition, noting any

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trends and their impacts on patient condition.

4.4. Identify signs of deterioration in patient's condition.

4.5. Modify management of patient's condition and evaluate regularly as treatment occurs.

5. Handover patient.

5.1. Document patient details, assessment findings and patient management using a systematic approach.

5.2. Convey information using a systematic handover approach.

5.3. Maintain patient care until the transfer is complete.

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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