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HLTPHA023 Apply knowledge of cardio-respiratory disorders to dispense medication

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit of competency describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to recognise the main medications and their actions in the treatment of cardio-respiratory disorders and to inform and dispense these medications to patients.

This unit applies to hospital or health services pharmacy assistants and technicians working under the supervision of an authorised person.

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

Pharmacy

Unit Sector

Health

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes

1. Identify medication required to treat cardio-respiratory disorders.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1. Identify the cardio-respiratory condition being treated.
- 1.2. Identify the factors that lead to the successful medicinal treatment of cardio-respiratory disorders.
- 1.3. Consult authorised personnel to verify the successful medicinal treatment of cardio-respiratory disorders.

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| 2. Prepare appropriate cardio-respiratory medication to dispense to patients. | 2.1. Identify the appropriate cardio-respiratory medications to be dispensed to patients in accordance with Work Health and Safety (WHS) policies, guidelines and symbols. |
| | 2.2. Confirm medication to be dispensed to the patient with an authorised person and prepare as directed. |
| 3. Provide appropriate information to patients on the correct use of cardio-respiratory medication. | 3.1. Use communication techniques, in accordance with ethical codes of conduct to explain the uses and limitations of the cardio-respiratory medication to patients. |
| | 3.2. State the dosage that has been prescribed. |
| | 3.3. Explain the steps required to ingest, apply, inhale and actuate the prescribed medication. |
| | 3.4. Explain the route for administering the medication. |
| | 3.5. Explain the storage requirements of the medication and how to dispose of used or remaining unused portion of the medication. |
| | 3.6. Identify the signs which would warrant referral to an authorised person when required. |
| | 3.7. Utilise appropriate techniques to confirm patient understanding of the uses and actions of the medication. |
| | 3.8. Identify patients having difficulty using, taking and actuating their prescribed medication and provide further assistance or refer the patient if required. |
| 4. Assess that a patient can use their inhaler device properly. | 4.1. Confirm that the patient knows how to store their inhaler device in accordance with storage requirements. |
| | 4.2. Confirm the patient knows how often to use their inhaler in accordance administration requirements. |
| | 4.3. Confirm that the patient knows which inhaler to use as a reliver or controller if prescribed. |
| | 4.4. Confirm that the patient knows the expiry date of their inhaler device. |

Foundation Skills

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>