



**Australian Government**

**HLTPHA025 Apply knowledge of  
medications used for infections,  
immunological products and vaccines**

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## Modification History

Not applicable.

## Application

This unit of competency describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to apply knowledge of medications to provide appropriate information to patients on infections, immunological products and vaccines.

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 infections.

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

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

2. Prepare appropriate antibiotic to dispense to patients.
  - 2.1. Identify the appropriate antibiotic 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 antibiotics.
  - 3.1. Use communication techniques, in accordance with ethical codes of conduct to explain the uses and limitations of antibiotics to patients.
  - 3.2. State the dosage that has been prescribed.
  - 3.3. Explain the steps required to ingest and apply 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, actuating their prescribed medication and provide further assistance or refer the patient if required.

## 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>