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SIRCINF001 Use pharmacy practices for infection control

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to prevent cross transmission of infection. It requires the ability to follow pharmacy infection control guidelines; use safe and hygienic practices; clean and disinfect equipment and surfaces; and safely dispose of waste.

This unit applies to all pharmacy or dispensary assistants in a community pharmacy.

No occupational licensing, certification or specific legislative requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Infection Control

Unit Sector

Community Pharmacy

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

1. Follow pharmacy infection control guidelines.
2. Use hygienic and safety practices to control cross-transmission.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1. Identify pharmacy activities that require use of infection control practices and implement appropriate response.
- 1.2. Follow organisational procedures for infection control throughout relevant activities.
- 1.3. Report and provide clear information on incidents where precautions have failed and follow organisational procedures for care after exposure to risk of infection.
- 2.1. Select and use personal protective equipment to avoid cross-transmission of infection.
- 2.2. Follow hand hygiene and washing procedures before

- and after customer contact, cleaning and waste disposal.
- 2.3. Cover own cuts and abrasions with occlusive dressings and change regularly.
- 2.4. Avoid unhygienic personal contact with other people, work surfaces and equipment.
- 2.5. Follow procedures for respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette.
- 2.6. Handle sharps with care to avoid stick injury and transmission of infection to self and dispose of immediately in sharps container.
- 3. Clean and disinfect equipment and surfaces.
 - 3.1. Select and prepare appropriate cleaning products, disinfectants and equipment according to manufacturer instructions.
 - 3.2. Clean and disinfect work surfaces and equipment before and after use.
 - 3.3. Use and replace surface covers when required.
 - 3.4. Clean spills of bodily fluids using infection control methods.
 - 3.5. Decontaminate equipment requiring special processing after customer contact.
 - 3.6. Dispose of waste and sharps safely, according to specific disposal requirements and organisational waste management procedures.

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance in this unit, but not explicit in the performance criteria are listed here, along with a brief context statement.

Numeracy skills to:

- calculate the dilution requirements for cleaning and disinfection products.

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ca051b1b-5101-4ec2-ac1c-49699303188d>