



Australian Government

SIRCPA013 Assist customers with smoking cessation products

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to gather information about customer needs, and provide suggestions and information on smoking cessation, products and specialist services. It requires the ability to identify and act on triggers for referral to a pharmacist for therapeutic advice.

This unit applies to pharmacy assistants working in community pharmacies. They work with some independence, under general supervision and guidance from others, but ultimately under the supervising pharmacist.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Pharmacy Product Advice

Unit Sector

Community Pharmacy

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

1. Collect information about customer smoking cessation needs.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1. Approach and question customer according to pharmacy protocol.
- 1.2. Use questions and actively listen to determine extent of nicotine dependence.
- 1.3. Determine customer satisfaction with products previously used.
- 1.4. Identify any other health conditions and prescribed medications.

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| | 1.5. Follow pharmacy procedures to respect and protect customer privacy. |
| 2. Assess customer information and determine need for referral. | 2.1. Recognise and act on information that requires referral to the pharmacist. |
| | 2.2. Recognise and act on information that indicates the potential for better customer outcomes with Pharmacist Only Medicines (S3). |
| | 2.3. Provide clear summary of customer information to pharmacist when referral is required. |
| | 2.4. Monitor pharmacist consultation and finalise interaction with customer according to pharmacy procedures. |
| 3. Provide product, self-care and lifestyle information. | 3.1. Select and suggest nicotine replacement products suited to customer needs within scope of own knowledge. |
| | 3.2. Identify and use opportunities to suggest companion products, aids and equipment relevant to desired outcomes. |
| | 3.3. Provide customer with clear directions for product use and use questioning to confirm understanding. |
| | 3.4. Offer current and accurate information on related lifestyle and self-care practices and specialist support services. |
| 4. Maintain and develop knowledge of smoking cessation, products and services. | 4.1. Identify and use opportunities to maintain and develop product and health condition knowledge using recognised sources of information. |
| | 4.2. Check regularly for new additions or changes to range. |
| | 4.3. Use product information to update knowledge of product application and directions for use. |

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.

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| Numeracy skills to: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • calculate dosage and quantity requirements. |
| Technology skills to: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use online information systems to search for information. |

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>