



Australian Government

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version was released in <i>HLT Health Training Package release 2.0</i> and meets the requirements of the 2012 Standards for Training Packages. New unit.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare for the cerumen removal process, conduct an otoscopy, and remove cerumen safely using curetting only.

This unit applies to audiometrists.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian/New Zealand standards and industry codes of practice.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements define the essential outcomes

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

1. Prepare for cerumen removal

1.1 Determine client needs through review of client case history and case management plan

1.2 Clearly explain cerumen removal procedure and provide opportunity for client to ask questions

1.3 Gain client consent for extraction procedure

1.4 Set up equipment following standard protocols and infection control guidelines

2. Conduct otoscopy

2.1 Follow personal hygiene and infection control procedures

2.2 Conduct otoscopy in a non-threatening manner and produce valid, reliable and accurate results in accordance

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2.3 Identify and respond to any abnormalities of the ear canal

2.4 Identify contra-indications to cerumen removal

2.5 Identify most appropriate method for cerumen removal taking into account results of findings

2.6 Follow cerumen softening procedures to dissolve cerumen if impaction present

2.7 Make referral to appropriate agency for further assessment and treatment

3. Remove cerumen

3.1 Select appropriately sized speculum as required

3.2 Extract cerumen using a sterilised wax ring and appropriate head light

4. Follow post-cerumen removal procedures

4.1 Complete post-cerumen removal otoscopic inspection to review status of ear canal

4.2 Address any post removal requirements using established methods

4.3 Complete accurate treatment documentation following organisational procedures

4.4 Identify the need for referral and refer client to health profession as required

Foundation Skills

The Foundation Skills describe those required skills (language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills) that are essential to performance.

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>

Assessment Requirements for HLTAUD006 Remove cerumen

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must show evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the job role. There must be evidence that the candidate has:

- followed established procedures and protocols to independently remove cerumen for at least 30 clients:
 - used cerumenolytic agents to soften cerumen, taking into account any client allergies
 - extracted cerumen by curette
 - stem any bloodflow
 - removed residual blood or debris post-cerumen extraction

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the work role. This includes knowledge of:

- legal and ethical considerations (national and state/territory) for cerumen removal:
 - duty of care
 - informed consent
 - privacy, confidentiality and disclosure
 - records management
 - work role boundaries, responsibilities and limitations, indicators for referral
- anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology of the outer and middle ear:
 - medical or post-surgical conditions of the outer and middle ear that alter the appearance and/or function of the external ear canal or tympanic membrane
 - client positioning for safe and optimal cerumen removal
 - how to adjust headlamp for optimal view

- correct and safe curetting technique

Assessment Conditions

Skills must have been demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that reflects workplace conditions. The following conditions must be met for this unit:

- use of suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - sterilisation equipment
 - otoscope
 - cerumenolytic agents
 - means of disposing blood products
 - cerumen extraction equipment
- modelling of industry operating conditions, including:
 - integration of problem solving activities
 - time constraints for completion of activities
 - provision of services to general public

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors

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