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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version was released in <i>HLT Health Training Package release 3.0</i> and meets the requirements of the 2012 Standards for Training Packages. Significant changes to the elements and performance criteria. New evidence requirements for assessment including volume and frequency requirements. Removal of pre-requisites Supersedes HLTDA409D

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:

- prepared equipment and assisted in handling and correctly positioning equipment for the operator during 3 different oral health care procedures carried out under conscious sedation (oral or intravenous or intramuscular or inhalation) including:
 - consistently applying safe work practices to ensure patient safety during conscious sedation
 - correctly maintaining and storing instruments, equipment, materials and medicaments
- supported the dental team in the discharge care of 1 patient recovering from an oral health care procedure following conscious sedation (oral or intravenous or intramuscular or inhalation).

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively to 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:

- national and State/Territory legal and ethical requirements and considerations for dental assisting work including:
 - codes of practice
 - discrimination
 - duty of care

- informed consent and statutory requirements of consent
- practice standards – Dental Board of Australia guidelines on infection control
- privacy, confidentiality and disclosure
- records management
- work role boundaries – responsibilities and limitations
- work health and safety
- practitioners who are authorised to administer conscious sedation to a patient, and the assessment process required before oral health procedure is carried out
- levels of consciousness
- medications and drugs used in conscious sedation administered via the following routes:
 - intravenous
 - oral
 - inhalation
 - intramuscular injection
- medications used to anaesthetise the site for sedation via intravenous route
- risks associated with conscious sedation including:
 - potential for unintentional loss of consciousness
 - depression of protective reflexes, respirations and cardiovascular system
 - variations in response to drugs across the lifespan of individuals
 - drug interactions
- differing standards of equipment and staffing at the locations where procedures are performed
- equipment used to administer conscious sedation and equipment used in monitoring a patient pre- and post-oral health care procedures
- reasons for keeping accurate records of oral conditions, treatments and the administration of conscious sedation
- reasons why patients need to follow pre- and post-operative instructions, and the importance of this
- discharge instructions post-recovery and observation of patient into the care of a responsible person after authorisation from dental practitioner
- medical emergencies and complications that may arise during and after conscious sedation and appropriate medical response and treatment given by the dental team.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must have been demonstrated in the dental clinic workplace with the addition of simulations and scenarios where the full range of contexts and situations cannot be provided in the workplace. The following conditions must be met for this unit:

- use of suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - barrier protection materials
 - dental chair and unit

- access to defibrillator
- suctioning and operator lighting
- waste disposal equipment
- Dental Board of Australia guidelines on infection control
- modelling of industry operating conditions including access to real people for simulations and scenarios in dental assisting work.

Assessment must involve demonstration of tasks under the direction of the dental practitioner.

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

In addition, assessors must hold a minimum of 5 years clinical experience in dental assisting work.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>