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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	Release 2 HLTDEN018 Implement an individualised oral hygiene program supersedes and is equivalent to Release 1 HLTDEN018 Implement an individualised oral hygiene program. Updated: Mapping details and minor corrections.
Release 1	HLTDEN018 Implement an individualised oral hygiene program supersedes and is not equivalent to HLTDEN004 Implement an individualised oral hygiene program.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role, and:

- provide comprehensive information to at least five different patients including:
 - information on the prevention of oral diseases
 - advice on and demonstration of proper oral hygiene techniques
 - emphasising benefits of good oral hygiene to inform and motivate behaviour change
- perform at least one unstimulated and one stimulated saliva test on a patient, record results and provide information to patient as directed by the dental practitioner.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- fundamental oral anatomy including:
 - structures of the oral cavity, hard and soft palate, lateral and posterior borders of the oral cavity, tongue and floor of the mouth
 - teeth form and function
 - dentition including arrangement of the teeth, naming and coding of teeth
- plaque and its differing roles in the development of dental caries and periodontal disease
- saliva and its role in maintenance of oral health including:

- protecting teeth by neutralising acid
- acting as a lubricant
- delivering calcium, phosphate and fluoride to the tooth surface
- biochemical, pathological or pharmacological influences on diagnostic salivary testing and results
- factors that lead to the development of dental caries including:
 - bacteria in dental plaque
 - diet
 - susceptible tooth surfaces
 - socioeconomic background including dietary intake
 - mental health conditions and awareness of oral health issues
 - eruption time of teeth
- factors that prevent and control dental caries:
 - increasing salivary flow and optimising its composition.
 - fluorides
 - plaque control and removal
 - dietary change
 - oral health education
- factors that lead to the development of periodontal disease including:
 - bacteria in dental plaque
 - accumulation of plaque and calculus
 - smoking
 - medications
 - eruption time of teeth
- factors that prevent and control periodontal disease including:
 - oral health education
 - plaque control
- causes, and prevention, of non caries tooth wear:
 - erosion
 - abrasion
 - attrition
- role of properly constructed and fitted mouthguards in preventing dental injuries
- fundamental knowledge of the impact of smoking on oral soft tissues
- fundamental knowledge of systemic conditions which influence the development of oral disease
- local oral factors which influence the development of oral disease
- modifications to oral health education programs related to special needs due to disability, aged care and children's needs
- oral appliances and their impact on oral hygiene maintenance
- legislative requirements related to the use of fluoride in dentistry.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in a dental clinic workplace or in a simulated environment that reflects workplace conditions.

Assessment must ensure:

- access to suitable facilities, equipment and resources including:
 - personal protective equipment
 - cleaning equipment
 - disposable and non-disposable instruments
- modelling of industry operating conditions including access to people for simulations and scenarios in dental assisting work

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors and hold a minimum of five years clinical dental experience.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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