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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	Release 2 HLTDEN020 Assist in dental procedures during conscious sedation supersedes and is equivalent to Release 1 HLTDEN020 Assist in dental procedures during conscious sedation. Updated: Mapping details and minor corrections.
Release 1	HLTDEN020 Assist in dental procedures during conscious sedation supersedes and is not equivalent to HLTDEN006 Assist in oral health care procedures during conscious sedation.

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:

- prepare equipment and assist in handling and correctly positioning equipment for the practitioner during at least three different dental procedures, carried out under conscious sedation including oral or intravenous or intramuscular or inhalation including:
 - following procedures to ensure patient safety during conscious sedation
 - correctly maintaining and storing instruments, equipment, materials and medicaments
- support the dental team in the discharge care of at least one patient recovering from a dental procedure following conscious sedation including oral or, intravenous or intramuscular or inhalation.

Knowledge Evidence

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

- National and State or 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
- current practice standards – Dental Board of Australia (DBA) and Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) guidelines
- privacy, confidentiality and disclosure
- records management
- work role boundaries including responsibilities and limitations
- work health and safety
- practitioners who are authorised to administer conscious sedation to a patient, and the assessment process required before a dental procedure is carried out
- levels of consciousness
- work practices for maintaining the safety of the patient under conscious sedation
- 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-dental procedure
- 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.
- organisational policies and procedures for:
 - intake and discharge of patients
 - confidentiality of patient information
 - suite or theatre used for dental procedures under conscious sedation.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in a dental clinic workplace with the addition of simulations and scenarios where the full range of contexts and situations cannot be provided in the workplace.

Assessment must ensure:

- access to suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - barrier protection materials
 - dental chair and unit
 - access to defibrillator
 - suctioning and practitioner lighting
 - current Dental Board of Australia (DBA) and Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) guidelines
- modelling of industry operating conditions including access to 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' 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>