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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to assist the practitioner in carrying out dental procedures on patients under conscious sedation administered via intravenous, oral and inhalation routes.

This unit applies to dental assisting work under the instruction and supervision of the dental practitioner.

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

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Dental Assisting

Unit Sector

Dental

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements describe the essential outcomes

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

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| 1. Prepare the patient for dental procedures during conscious sedation. | 1.1. Confirm and document arrangements for an escort for patient following the procedure.
1.2. Provide an opportunity and environment for the patient or carer to ask questions.
1.3. Make accessible in the clean zone of the surgery the necessary patient records.
1.4. Maintain confidentiality of patient information in accordance with organisational policy and procedures.
1.5. Assist with the confirmation of the correct patient, site, and procedure. |
| 2. Prepare for dental procedures under conscious sedation. | 2.1. Prepare the equipment, instruments materials and medicaments for the planned procedure.
2.2. Arrange instruments for dental procedure in order of use according to practitioner requirements.
2.3. Provide personal protective equipment to patient and members of the dental team.
2.4. Follow suite or theatre organisational policy and procedures.
2.5. Select and transfer safely the correct dental instruments, equipment, materials and medicaments.
2.6. Store dental instruments, equipment, materials and medicaments according to organisational policies and procedures at conclusion of procedure. |
| 3. Assist with patient discharge after undergoing dental procedures under conscious sedation. | 3.1. Follow organisational policy and procedures while assisting in the provision of post-operative dental procedures.
3.2. Ensure post-operative written instructions are communicated and provided by authorised person to patient, carer or escort.
3.3. Assist in the authorised discharge of the patient to the carer or escort according to organisational policies and procedures. |

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

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Assessment Requirements for HLTDEN020 Assist in dental procedures during conscious sedation

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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.

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