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HLTDEN027 Take a clinical photograph

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Application

This unit of competency describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to take a clinical dental photograph under conditions that can be reproduced.

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 patient and interpret request for photography. | 1.1. Interpret request and provide full details of the procedure to patient or carer.
1.2. Obtain and document consent adhering to ethical and legal requirements.
1.3. Prepare accessories for intraoral photography.
1.4. Prepare personal protective equipment for members of the dental team. |
| 2. Prepare to take the photograph. | 2.1. Compose the image so that the most important aspects are in the centre of the photograph.
2.2. Orientate the image so that subsequent photos are reproducible.
2.3. Locate the image source to be photographed appropriately in the depth of field so that the photograph is in complete focus.
2.4. Check the viewfinder to ensure there are no obstructions to the image. |
| 3. Take required intraoral views using a standardised approach. | 3.1. Position the patient so that conditions for photography are reproducible.
3.2. Stand in a stable position for standard intraoral views that are reproducible for all photographs.
3.3. Select the magnification ratio according to the desired frame and focus.
3.4. Provide instruction on suitable mirror or retractor placement.
3.5. Frame the image and ensure positioning of retractors and mirrors is correct.
3.6. Use appropriate lighting so that the image is not overexposed. |
| 4. Take a portrait and profile photograph. | 4.1. Explain the purpose of the photograph to the patient.
4.2. Choose the background colour and texture so that a full assessment of the profile can be made.
4.3. Follow guidelines to position the camera and the patient to ensure reproducible results.
4.4. Use a vertical format to completely fill the frame.
4.5. Take standard dental portrait views that ensure images can be reproduced.
4.6. Critique photograph to confirm correctly captured.
4.7. Upload photograph and store in patient files. |

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

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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Assessment Requirements for HLTDEN027 Take a clinical photograph

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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:

- take and critique 50 clinical dental de-identified photographs, including intraoral and extraoral de-identified images
- store the resulting image data.

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 Dental Board of Australia (DBA) and Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) guidelines and practice standards
- current Dental Board of Australia (DBA) infection control and record keeping guidelines
- privacy, confidentiality and disclosure
- records management

- work role boundaries including responsibilities and limitations
- work health and safety
- fundamental oral anatomy:
 - dentition, arrangement of the teeth, naming and coding of teeth
 - 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
- fundamentals of photography, including:
 - basic knowledge of camera systems appropriate for dental photography
 - ability to reproduce photographic conditions
 - appropriate reproduction ratio
 - reduction of image contents either through an appropriate scale or through selective focusing
- rationale and objectives for taking clinical photographs under conditions that can be reproduced including the need for:
 - basic views to record a patient's clinical condition during the initial patient visit
 - communication of information to the patient, and between practitioners, doctors and laboratories
 - documentation of processes and stages of treatment
 - documentation of the state and changes to the teeth and mucous membranes of the mouth
 - illustration for teaching and research
 - quality control of treatment outcomes.

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:
 - digital camera and accessories
 - access to de-identified patient records and data systems to record procedure and store images
 - current Dental Board of Australia (DBA) and Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) guidelines and practice standards
 - current Dental Board of Australia (DBA) infection control and record keeping guidelines
- 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.

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