



Australian Government

HLTHPS005 Handle medical specimens

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version was released in <i>HLT Health Training Package release 2.0</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. Significant change to knowledge evidence.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to handle specimens including organising off-site testing and performing certain on-site tests.

This unit applies to any health worker handling medical specimens. The scope of this unit does not include any specimen collection.

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

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements define the essential outcomes

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

1. Follow standard procedures for handling specimens

1.1 Apply standard precautions and codes of practice when handling medical specimens

1.2 Select and use equipment and instruments suited to the specimen being handled

1.3 Transfer specimen into appropriate container and seal properly, ensuring correct method of preservation has been used

1.4 Label containers accurately and store specimens in specified conditions

1.5 Follow established procedures in case of adverse

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2. Organise off-site testing of specimens

2.1 Prepare specimens for transport according to specifications for packaging and transport

2.2 Check that specimen is accompanied by required accurately completed documentation

2.3 Arrange pick-up of specimen, if required, ensuring specimens are in correct location for pick-up

3. Conduct on-site testing of specimens

3.1 Use and maintain equipment in accordance with manufacturer's instructions

3.2 Conduct tests following practice protocols, standard precautions and industry standards

3.3 Accurately document results and report to appropriate personnel

3.4 Read and recognise significantly abnormal results and report appropriately and in a timely fashion

Foundation Skills

The Foundation Skills describe those required skills (language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills) that are essential to performance.

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

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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