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Application

This unit of competency describes the knowledge and skills required to conduct clinical assessment and deliver basic clinical care in a pre-hospital or out-of-hospital environment.

This unit applies to pre-hospital and out-of-hospital health care workers. The worker provides basic life support and prioritises clinical care of a patient in accordance with established clinical practice guidelines.

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

Elements and Performance Criteria

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PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

1. Make initial incident and patient assessment.

- 1.1. Conduct pre-planning before arrival at scene based on information communicated in the request for service.
- 1.2. Conduct scene survey according to established clinical guidelines and protocols.
- 1.3. Conduct primary survey of patient.
- 1.4. Conduct a secondary survey, including a systematic physical examination of the whole body using applied clinical knowledge, taking vital signs and level of

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consciousness.

1.5. Obtain and document history of the event.

1.6. Identify patient's main complaints as a basis for systematic prioritised treatment.

1.7. Apply situational knowledge of the patient to guide selection of treatment options.

1.8. Determine the time-critical issues given resource considerations.

1.9. Assess transport requirements and destination, versus transport criticality, to ensure requirements of urgency and patient care are met.

1.10. Conduct a focussed physical examination of the patient based on complaint or mechanism of injury.

2. Plan basic pre-hospital or out-of-hospital patient care.

2.1. Establish priorities of care based on initial patient assessment according to established clinical guidelines and protocols.

2.2. Develop a treatment plan and outline treatment priorities.

2.3. Identify and develop contingency plans based on mechanisms of injury and potential for patient deterioration according to established clinical guidelines and protocols.

3. Implement basic patient care procedures.

3.1. Implement all patient care procedures and pharmacological therapies within own level of expertise and authority to practise, and the limits of established clinical guidelines and protocols.

3.2. Identify the need to seek assistance immediately where the situation or patient's condition requires treatment that is outside scope or authority to practise.

3.3. Operate equipment required for patient management according to manufacturer or supplier instructions and established clinical guidelines and protocols.

3.4. Apply infection prevention and control principles to patient care.

3.5. Use safe lifting and patient handling techniques in accordance with workplace health and safety (WHS) requirements and organisational policy and procedures.

4. Monitor basic patient care

4.1. Re-assess patient at intervals and modify treatment according to patient needs, according to established

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and modify according to patient needs.

5. Handover patient to a healthcare professional, facility or service.

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clinical guidelines and protocols.

4.2. Monitor pharmacological outcomes, noting effectiveness of treatment regime and amend according to patient's condition.

5.1. Document patient details according to established clinical guidelines and protocols.

5.2. Maintain patient confidentiality.

5.3. Ensure documentation for clinical handover procedures contains all relevant information.

5.4. Convey information to authorised individuals involved in ongoing patient care.

5.5. Maintain patient care until responsibility for patient is taken over by a healthcare professional or service.

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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