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Modification History

Not applicable.

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 and dispense endocrine and genitourinary medication on at least 10 occasions and inform at least 10 patients, including:
 - sourcing information
 - screening, assessing and providing basic medication discharge information and instructions to patients regarding the use of endocrine and genitourinary medications
 - referral of enquiries outside scope of practice to the pharmacist
 - confirmation of medication dispensing with an authorised person
- perform at least 10 assessments of a patient's ability to use their insulin device properly, including:
 - storing the insulin properly
 - changing needles frequently
 - changing the injection site
 - understanding of the expiry date of their insulin device
- perform the activities outlined in the performance criteria of this unit during a period of 240 hours of work related to hospital or health services pharmacy support in a clinical workplace environment. These 240 hours may be applied collectively across all units of competency that include the requirement for workplace hours for the purposes of assessment.

Knowledge Evidence

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

- understand information about endocrine and genitourinary disorders including:
 - common causes of endocrine and genitourinary disorders
 - uses and limitations of medication dispensed to patients in the treatment of endocrine and genitourinary disorders
 - common adverse reactions of medications dispensed to patients in the treatment of endocrine and genitourinary disorders
 - pharmacological and non-pharmacological methods to manage adverse effects
 - adverse reaction to medication that require referral to an authorised person

- relevant legislation, regulations and ethical codes relating to medication dispensing
- standard pharmaceutical references, including:
 - Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH)
 - Australian Pharmaceutical Formulary Handbook (APF)
 - Monthly Index of Medical Specialities (MIMS) or AusDI Advanced
 - Micromedex
- relevant National, State or Territory regulatory and legislative requirements
- legal responsibilities of providers of health care in relation to confidentiality, patient rights, duty of care and implications of negligence
- limitations of own work role including identification and referring of issues outside scope of practice to an authorised person
- Work Health and Safety (WHS) policies, guidelines and symbols and their relevance to dispensing medication
- the key basic aspects of the following disease states:
 - hypothyroidism
 - hyperthyroidism
 - type 1 diabetes
 - type 2 diabetes
 - gestational diabetes
 - pathophysiology
 - aims of treatment
 - therapeutic options
- the common indications, side effects and how to manage these as well as the key aspects of the mode of action for the following medications:
 - insulins:
 - rapid acting
 - short acting
 - intermediate acting
 - long acting
 - biguanides
 - oestrogens
 - progesterone
 - corticosteroids
 - urinary alkalinisers
- pharmacological and non-pharmacological methods to treat adverse effects
- legal scheduling of each of the common medications used to treat endocrine and genitourinary disorders
- information that should be conveyed to patients, including:
 - generic and brand names of the medications
 - intended purpose and expected action or duration of treatment
- route of medication administration, including:

- method of administration
- frequency and timing of use
- administration advice, including:
 - medication storage requirements
 - needle changing frequency
 - medication disposal of unused portions.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in the workplace with the addition of simulations and scenarios where the full range of contexts and situations have not been provided in the workplace.

Assessment must ensure access to:

- use of suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - relevant legislation, regulations and guidelines
 - medicine information and resources on endocrine and genitourinary disorders
- authorised person with whom to consult.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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