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Assessment Requirements for HLTPHA031

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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 medication on at least 10 occasions and informed at least 10 patients, including:
 - identifying and sourcing information
 - screening, assessing and providing basic medication discharge information and instructions to patients regarding the use of medications used to treat musculoskeletal disorders
 - referral of enquiries outside scope of own practice to the pharmacist
 - confirmation of medication dispensing with an authorised person
- 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 musculoskeletal disorders including:
 - appropriate treatments and the reasons for their use
 - side effects of the medication, using appropriate sources
 - 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, and State or Territory regulatory and legislative requirements
- the 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 own practice to the authorised person
- Work Health and Safety (WHS) policies, guidelines and symbols and their relevance to dispensing medications
- common disorders affecting the musculoskeletal system:
 - osteoarthritis
 - rheumatoid arthritis
 - osteoporosis
 - gout
 - soft tissue injuries
 - sprains
 - strains
- common musculoskeletal disorder treatments:
 - OTC rubefacients
 - topical anti-rheumatics
 - OTC treatment of soft tissue injury
- common medications prescribed for musculoskeletal disorder:
 - disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs)
 - anti-inflammatory drugs
 - analgesics
 - muscle relaxants.

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 musculoskeletal 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>