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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare, transfer and position clients for operative procedures.

This unit applies to operating theatre technicians and other theatre staff who work under the supervision of the anaesthetist and other members of the operating room team.

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. Prepare clients for procedure

1.1 Determine preparation needs from review of information

1.2 Select and use personal protective equipment appropriate to procedure

1.3 Adopt standard and additional infection control guidelines and precautions according to organisation documented procedure

1.4 Attach equipment safely and securely to appropriate sites

1.5 Safely detach equipment when no longer required

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with minimum risk of damage to client, staff or equipment

1.6 Safely store equipment in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations, or prepare ready for re-use

1.7 Follow established procedures if equipment is found to be faulty

2. Assist with client transfer

2.1 Identify correct operating table and table orientation before client is transferred

2.2 Inform relevant personnel of actions to be performed

2.3 Detach equipment not required following correct procedure and infection control requirements

2.4 Safely and correctly adjust equipment attached to client during transfer

2.5 Maintain a safe working area and clear passage at all times assessing and controlling for manual task risk factors

2.6 Minimise and respond to client discomfort during transfer

2.7 Re-connect and position equipment once transfer is completed following infection control requirements

2.8 Maintain client's dignity before, during and after transfer

3. Position clients for operative procedure

3.1 Inform client of positioning procedure, reassure and seek co-operation as required

3.2 Ensure relevant equipment is available and correctly positioned

3.3 Take into account individual client needs and confirm with relevant personnel

3.4 Follow correct manual handling procedures and seek assistance

3.5 Safely position client to meet the requirements of the

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anaesthetist and surgeon and the clients condition

3.6 Seek confirmation of correct position from anaesthetist and surgeon

3.7 Maintain the client in correct position as required, using assistive equipment when available

3.8 Maintain client's dignity during positioning

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>

Assessment Requirements for HLTTHE002 Assist with preparation of clients for operative procedures

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must show evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the job role. There must be evidence that the candidate has:

- followed established technical, infection control and safety procedures and instructions for the preparation, transfer and positioning of at least 3 different clients

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the work role. This includes knowledge of:

- legal and ethical considerations for theatre work and how these are applied in organisations, including:
 - children in the workplace
 - duty of care
 - informed consent
 - mandatory reporting
 - privacy, confidentiality and disclosure
 - records management
 - work role boundaries – responsibilities and limitations when working with clients
 - work health and safety
- standard and additional infection control procedures that apply to the operating theatre environment
- features and functions of equipment that needs be handled when preparing clients:

- during transfer
- during positioning
- medical terms used in the operating room relevant to technician work
- additional infection control procedures that apply to the operating theatre environment
- human anatomy and physiology in relation to client transfer and positioning, including:
 - normal and abnormal body positions
 - joint movement
 - features of body locations where equipment may need to be attached/detached
- different positions required for operative procedures, associated risks, and how to position clients, including:
 - supine
 - prone
 - lateral
 - lithotomy
- risks, precautions and techniques for protecting clients during moving and positioning
- safe manual handling and risk factors for manual tasks

Assessment Conditions

Skills must have been demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that reflects workplace conditions. The following conditions must be met for this unit:

- use of suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - a fully equipped operating theatre
 - beds
 - documented procedures that the candidate follows
- modelling of industry operating conditions, including presence of situations requiring problem solving

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors

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