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HLTTTCM503D Provide TCM remedial massage (An Mo Tui Na) treatment

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

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This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to administer client TCM remedial massage treatment according to the philosophy and practices of a TCM remedial massage therapeutic framework

Application of the Unit

Application

This unit applies to work in a range of health settings

Application of this unit should be contextualised to reflect any professional requirements, issues and practices specific to each workplace

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

Pre-Requisites

Not Applicable

Employability Skills Information

Employability Skills

This unit contains Employability Skills

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements define the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.

The Performance Criteria specify the level of performance required to demonstrate achievement of the Element. Terms in italics are elaborated in the Range Statement.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

1. Manage treatment

- 1.1 Explain *factors which may interfere* with the effectiveness of the treatment
- 1.2 Explain how treatment is delivered and managed to the client
- 1.3 Request client to monitor *reactions* and contact practitioner as required
- 1.4 Ensure *consent for treatment*
- 1.5 Provide TCM Remedial Massage according to the treatment plan
- 1.6 Recognise reactions to treatment and promptly *responded* to if necessary
- 1.7 Explain clearly the time, location and content of future sessions to the client
- 1.8 Document recommendations

ELEMENT**PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

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| 2. Apply therapeutic techniques | 2.1 Apply <i>TCM Remedial Massage techniques</i> |
| | 2.2 Position client correctly to optimise their comfort and support while allowing optimum application of techniques |
| | 2.3 Maintain <i>appropriate postures</i> to ensure a controlled distribution of body weight throughout the treatment |
| | 2.4 Maintain client-focused attention throughout the treatment session |
| | 2.5 Determine treatment sequence, location and degree of pressure applied by <i>assessment indications</i> |
| 3. Advise and resource the client | 3.1 Educate client in relevant and <i>practical techniques</i> for promotion and maintenance of optimum health |
| | 3.2 Answer client queries with clarity, using appropriate language |
| | 3.3 Use honesty and integrity when explaining treatment plans and recommendations to the client |
| | 3.4 Use appropriate interpersonal skills when explaining treatment plans and recommendations to the client |
| | 3.5 Promote client independence and responsibility in treatment wherever possible |
| 4. Review treatment | 4.1 Evaluate progress with the client |
| | 4.2 Identify and record effects of previous treatment |
| | 4.3 Review previous treatment plan |
| | 4.4 Evaluate need for ongoing and/or additional treatment |
| | 4.5 Negotiate changes to the plan with the client to ensure optimal outcomes |

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level required for this unit.

Essential knowledge:

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively do the task outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage the task and manage contingencies in the context of the identified work role

This includes knowledge of:

- Fundamental structure and function of anatomical systems
- History, philosophy and beliefs of the TCM Remedial Massage therapy framework
- Legal and regulatory implications of treatment
- Possible reactions and contra-indications to treatment
- Technical and practical knowledge of treatment
- The location of acupressure points on the 12 primary meridians, Ren Mai and Du Mai
- Understanding of physiology and anatomy
- Understanding of the fundamental principles of biomechanics

Essential skills:

It is critical that the candidate demonstrate the ability to effectively do the task outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage the task and manage contingencies in the context of the identified work role

This includes the ability to:

- Communicate effectively with client
- Complete documentation of all recommendations and client responses
- Demonstrate the application of commonly used treatment techniques listed under the range of variables
- Ensure all treatment or care delivered is consistent with legislative and regulatory requirements
- Gather and interpret information through the tactile senses
- Identify prominent bones/structure and major muscle groups through palpation
- Incorporate the philosophies and beliefs of a TCM framework
- Manage time throughout consultation and treatment
- Prepare the client for treatment according to TCM principles
- Provide treatment
- Provide treatment according to the individual, the condition and the presence of complicating factors. It must be the safest, most efficacious method that is also cost effective to the client

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- Refer a case requiring referral to another health care professional
- Review treatment plan
- Treat a range of conditions/disease states
- Use counselling as a treatment method, where competence exists
- Use equipment and resources competently and safely
- Write referrals, appraisal letters for insurance companies and other documentation

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the Performance Criteria, Required Skills and Knowledge, the Range Statement and the Assessment Guidelines for this Training Package.

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate this competency unit:

- The individual being assessed must provide evidence of specified essential knowledge as well as skills
- Observation of performance in the workplace or a simulated workplace (defined as a supervised clinic) is essential for assessment of this unit
- Consistency of performance should be demonstrated over the required range of situations relevant to the workplace
- Where, for reasons of safety, space, or access to equipment and resources, assessment takes place away from the workplace, the assessment environment should represent workplace conditions as closely as possible

EVIDENCE GUIDE

Context of and specific resources for assessment:

- An appropriately stocked and equipped clinic or simulated clinic environment
- Relevant texts or medical manuals
- Relevant paper-based/video assessment instruments
- Anatomical models
- Appropriate assessment environment
- Demonstration model/client

Method of assessment

- Observation in the work place (if possible)
- Written assignments/projects or questioning should be used to assess knowledge
- Case study and scenario as a basis for discussion of issues and strategies to contribute to best practice
- Explanations of technique
- Oral questioning and discussion
- Clinical skills involving direct client care are to be assessed initially in a simulated clinical setting (laboratory). If successful, a second assessment is to be conducted during workplace application under direct supervision

Access and equity considerations:

- All workers in the health industry should be aware of access and equity issues in relation to their own area of work
- All workers should develop their ability to work in a culturally diverse environment
- In recognition of particular health issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, workers should be aware of cultural, historical and current issues impacting on health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Assessors and trainers must take into account relevant access and equity issues, in particular relating to factors impacting on health of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients and communities

EVIDENCE GUIDE

Related units:

This unit should be assessed in conjunction with the following related units:

- HLTCOM404C Communicate effectively with clients
- HLTHIR501B Maintain an effective health work environment
- HLTIN301C Comply with infection control policies and procedures

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT

The Range Statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Add any essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts.

Factors which interfere with the effectiveness of treatment may include:

- Other medical treatment being undertaken
- Client's physical and psychological readiness and/or wellness
- Cultural and/or religious factors
- Contra-indications to treatment
- Post treatment activity
- Overeating
- Intoxication

Mode of administration may include:

- Requirement for feedback and interaction
- Various TCRM techniques
- Variations in application intensity
- Requirement of specified positioning of client

RANGE STATEMENT

Reactions may include:

- Pain and/or discomfort
- Feedback - verbal, tactile, visual
- Muscular spasms
- Temperature discomfort

Responses to reactions may include:

- Adjusting treatment accordingly
- Seeking appropriate expertise
- Discussing reaction with the client
- Adhering to clinic guidelines for response to accidents and emergencies
- Using First Aid procedures according to St Johns, Australian Red Cross or other appropriate First Aid training
- Maintaining a senior First Aid certificate which is renewed at least every three years
- Accessing local emergency services

Consent for treatment refers to:

- Informed consent according to the local and national regulations and legal guidelines
- Attendance of appropriate adult for wards of State and minors as appropriate

Appropriate postures refers to:

- Balanced distribution of body weight
- Ability to apply direct perpendicular contact pressure to appropriate areas of the body
- Comfort and safety
- Relaxation of the body
- Size, mobility and flexibility

RANGE STATEMENT

TCM Remedial Massage techniques may include:

- Acupressure
- An mo
- Tui na
- Gua sha
- Moxibustion
- Point energetics
- Cupping
- A range of TCM Remedial Massage sequences and techniques

Assessment indications include:

- TCM Remedial Massage meridian and point locations and indications
- Empirical or experimental point locations and indications
- Palpatory evidence or feedback responses
- Meridian system indications
- Anatomical or mobility/flexibility assessment and indications

Advice and resource the client refers to:

- Providing relevant literature or information materials
- Referring client to other information sources
- Providing advice regarding self-care
- Stress management resources
- Environmental modifications
- Counselling within the parameters of training
- Advising client of suggested resources
- Providing of details which help to fully inform client of relevant information
- Providing of referrals to other health professionals
- Availability of products required or suggested for treatment

RANGE STATEMENT

Practical techniques that promote and maintain optimal health may include:

- Postural improvement strategies
- Discussion of causes of condition and suggestion of prevention strategies
- Simple follow-up activities and/or strategies to work on between sessions
- Activities and/or tasks to avoid
- Self-massage techniques
- Dietary suggestions
- Environmental or lifestyle modifications
- Stress management strategies

Unit Sector(s)

Not Applicable