



Australian Government

PUAEME005 Provide pain management

Release: 2

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Modification History

Release 2. Updated superseded HLT Pre-requisite unit.

Release 1. This is the first release of this unit of competency in the PUA Public Safety Training Package

Application

This unit of competency involves the skills and knowledge required to administer restricted analgesics to provide pain management as part of a medically supervised first responder organisation. It includes identifying the need for analgesia; accessing, preparing and administering restricted pain relief such as analgesics and aspirin according to medically endorsed protocols; performing casualty handovers and completing analgesic use requirements.

The unit is applicable for personnel from emergency services, volunteer organisations or organisations that provide a medically supervised first aid service. Licensing requirements for the storage and administration of drugs may apply.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

HLTAID011 Provide First Aid

Competency Field

Emergency Care

Unit Sector

Public Safety

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

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| 1 Identify need for analgesia | 1.1 Casualty's need for pain relief is identified |
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| | 1.2 | Available options to relieve casualty's pain are reviewed |
| | 1.3 | Contraindications and precautions for use of analgesic drug are identified and appropriate use for casualty is confirmed |
| | 1.4 | Appropriate dosage for casualty is confirmed, in accordance with organisational procedures, industry standards and protocols |
| | 1.5 | Emergency medical assistance is requested, as required |
| 2 | Access and prepare analgesic | |
| | 2.1 | Secure storage of analgesic drug is accessed, in accordance with organisational procedures |
| | 2.2 | Analgesic documentation is completed, in accordance with organisational procedures |
| | 2.3 | Retrieval of correct drug within its expiry date is confirmed, in accordance with organisational procedures |
| | 2.4 | Analgesic drug is prepared, in accordance with industry standards and organisational procedures |
| 3 | Administer analgesic | |
| | 3.1 | Purpose of the analgesic drug is explained to casualty |
| | 3.2 | Casualty is advised as to use of the analgesic drug and its potential impact |
| | 3.3 | Casualty consent to administer treatment is obtained |
| | 3.4 | Analgesic drug is administered, in accordance with industry standards and protocols |
| | 3.5 | Casualty is continuously monitored whilst administering analgesic drug |
| 4 | Perform casualty handover | |
| | 4.1 | Details of incident including analgesic drug administration are communicated to medical personnel |
| | 4.2 | Written record of treatment including analgesic drug and dosage is supplied to medical personnel in accordance with organisational procedures |
| 5 | Complete analgesic use requirements | |
| | 5.1 | Unused analgesic drugs are disposed of, in accordance with organisational procedures |
| | 5.2 | Details of drugs use is recorded in log, in accordance with organisational procedures |

- 5.3** Debriefing and/or evaluation of incident is undertaken, in accordance with organisational procedures

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Range is restricted to essential operating conditions and any other variables essential to the work environment.

Non-essential conditions may be found in the Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

Unit Mapping Information

This unit replaces and is equivalent to PUAEME005A Provide pain management.

Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=3eca5672-6d5a-410b-8942-810d0ba05bbf>

Assessment Requirements for PUAEME005 Provide pain management

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Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all requirements of the elements and performance criteria on at least one occasion and includes

- accessing and preparing appropriate dosage of analgesic including checking for contraindications and precautions prior to administering and identifying appropriate use of analgesic drug for the casualty
- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements
- communicating with casualty to provide comfort and instruction about the analgesic drug
- completing written logs and documentation
- complying with legislation and industry standards
- following medically endorsed protocols
- identifying situations for use of analgesic drugs during first aid
- monitoring casualty whilst analgesic drug is administered including assessing vital signs including level of consciousness, breathing rate, pulse rate, skin colour and temperature
- reporting casualty condition and analgesic administration during handover
- requesting ambulance and/or medical assistance
- safely administering analgesic drug
- safely securing analgesic drugs in storage facility

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all requirements of the elements and performance criteria and includes knowledge of

- communication techniques and protocols
- contraindications and precautions for use of analgesic drugs
- legislation for storage and administration of restricted drugs
- manufacturers' guidelines
- options for pain relief and/or management
- organisational documentation, policies and procedures
- organisational protocols and procedures covering storage, administering and administration

- of restricted drugs including permits and/or licences
- principles of casualty pain assessment and management
- Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements including risk mitigation

Assessment Conditions

As a minimum, assessors must satisfy applicable regulatory requirements, which include requirements in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

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Assessment processes and techniques must be appropriate to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements of the work being performed and the needs of the candidate.

Assessment must occur in workplace operational situations. Where this is not appropriate, assessment must occur in industry approved simulated workplace operational situations that reflect workplace conditions.

Resources for assessment must include access to

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or simulations
- relevant and appropriate materials, equipment, tools and personal protective clothing and equipment currently used in industry including
 - permits and/or licences for the storage and use of restricted analgesic drugs
- applicable documentation including organisational procedures, industry standards, equipment specifications, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals

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