SFHPCS5 - SQA Code HC7V 04

Assist in the support and monitoring of patients within the perioperative care environment

Overview

This standard covers carrying out delegated care activities that are within your own sphere of competence to assist the registered practitioner in the support, care and monitoring of patients before, during and after clinical procedures within the perioperative care environment. You will be working under the direction of a registered practitioner. This standard does not include you taking measurements of physiological parameters. Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 apply standard precautions for infection prevention and control and take other appropriate health and safety measures as appropriate
- P2 clarify and confirm your role in providing support to and monitoring the patient with the appropriate member of the care team
- P3 provide support, care to the patient, within the constraints of the setting and the procedure, that takes due account of their:
  - P3.1 individual needs, expressed personal beliefs, preferences and views
  - P3.2 plan of care
- P4 effectively monitor the patient's wellbeing and individual needs at all times, paying close attention to any areas of particular concern, as highlighted in the plan of care
- P5 maximise the patient's comfort and dignity at all times, within the constraints of the setting and the procedure
- P6 encourage the patient to express feelings of discomfort, pain or distress
- P7 answer questions and concerns from the patient clearly, accurately and concisely within own sphere of competence and responsibility
- P8 refer any questions and concerns from or about the patient relating to issues outside your responsibility to the appropriate member of the care team
- P9 minimise factors which may cause undue stress or distress to the patient within the constraints of the setting and the procedure
- P10 promptly identify any unexpected change in the patient's condition, or other cause for concern, and report this immediately to the appropriate person
- P11 promptly seek advice from the appropriate member of the care team where you are unsure of how best to support the patient
- P12 pass relevant information on the patient's care and individual needs to other members of the care team who will be involved with them, and clearly and accurately enter this information into the necessary records as directed

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

K1 the current European and National legislation, national guidelines, organisational policies and protocols in accordance with Clinical/Corporate Governance which affect your work practice in relation to assisting in the support and monitoring of patients within the perioperative care environment

K2 your responsibilities and accountability in relation to the current European and National legislation, national guidelines and local policies and protocols and Clinical/Corporate Governance

K3 the duty to report any acts or omissions in care that could be detrimental to yourself, other individuals or your employer

K4 the importance of working within your own sphere of competence and seeking advice when faced with situations outside your sphere of competence

K5 the importance of applying standard precautions and the potential consequences of poor practice

K6 the importance of checking patient perioperative care plans prior to commencing support and monitoring activities

K7 the importance of both verbal and non-verbal support to patients undergoing clinical procedures in the perioperative environment

K8 the ways in which patient rights and choice may have to be restricted because of the nature of the perioperative environment and procedures

K9 the effect which patients' personal beliefs and preferences may have on their behaviour and attitude in relation to the perioperative environment settings

K10 the effects of pre-medication and sedation on patients, and the difference re-medication makes to the support, care and monitoring activities required

K11 your role in supporting, caring, and monitoring patients, and how this relates to other members of the care team

K12 how perioperative settings and procedures may cause stress and distress to patients and how environmental factors which cause stress and distress can be reduced

K13 the signs of patient distress and how to support patients who are, or who may become, distressed

K14 the importance of close observation of patients, and of reporting any concerns without delay

K15 the aspects of patients' wellbeing and needs which should be monitored

K16 the importance of accurately reporting and recording required information related to supporting and monitoring patients within the perioperative environment

K17 the information, including types of change in patients' conditions, which

should be recorded in relation to patient monitoring, and related systems and procedures

K18 the importance of immediately reporting any issues which are outside your own sphere of competence without delay to the relevant member of staff

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Additional Information

External links

This standard has indicative links with the following dimensions and levels within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

Dimension: HWB7 Interventions and treatments

The candidate and assessor must only sign below when all Performance Criteria and Knowledge points have been met.

Unit assessed as being complete

Candidate's Name:	
Candidate's Signature:	
Date submitted to assessor as complete:	

Assessor's Name:	
Assessor's Signature:	
Date assessed as complete:	

Internal Verification —

to be completed in accordance with centre's IV strategy

Evidence for this Unit was sampled on the following date/s:	**IV's Signature**	**IV's Name**

This Unit has been subject to an admin check in keeping with the centre's IV strategy.

Date of admin check	**IV's Signature**	**IV's Name**

Unit completion confirmed

IV's Name:	
IV's Signature:	
Date complete:	