

## SFHGEN8 - SQA Code HC9J 04

### Assist the practitioner to implement healthcare activities



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#### Overview

This standard applies to anyone whose role requires them to work under the direction of a registered practitioner to offer assistance during clinical or therapeutic interventions. Within this standard the term clinical/therapeutic interventions refers to any clinical/therapeutic intervention where there is a registered practitioner carrying out the work role. This standard covers the assistant's role in supporting the practitioner within the context of surgery, a recovery suite, ward round activity, therapeutic interventions, or clinical procedures. The focus of the standard is on being effective in an assisting role rather than the clinical/therapeutic skills involved in the intervention, which are covered by other standard. This standard is applicable to a wide range of health contexts and roles in emergency, primary and secondary care. It may include patients in conscious or unconscious states.

Users of this standard will need to ensure practice reflects up to the date information and policies.

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#### Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 work within your level of competence, responsibility and accountability and respond in a timely manner to meet individual's needs
  - P2 ensure effective infection control at all times
  - P3 respond promptly to requests and directions from the practitioner leading the clinical or therapeutic intervention
  - P4 check the patients identity and that valid consent has been obtained
  - P5 carry out delegated activities following the protocols and procedures related to the clinical/therapeutic intervention in accordance with the individual's care/treatment plan and your own scope of practice in accordance with clinical governance
  - P6 collaborate effectively and proactively during actions that require close team working
  - P7 communicate required information to others clearly, accurately and in a timely fashion
  - P8 ensure you maintain the confidentiality of information in accordance with information governance
  - P9 keep accurate, complete and legible records as directed by the practitioner, in accordance with local policies and procedure and information governance
  - P10 take appropriate and prompt action in line with relevant protocols and guidelines where other colleagues' actions give you cause for concern

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#### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 why it is necessary to confirm the identity of the individual and obtain valid consent prior to working with an individual and the methods used to achieve this where the individual is not able to give their consent
- K2 appropriate methods and procedures for communicating information to others and factors that facilitate an effective and collaborative working relationship
- K3 the type and range of information that might be needed by the practitioner prior to or during the course of a clinical/therapeutic intervention
- K4 your own level of competence, authority and knowledge in relation to assisting practitioners
- K5 how to explain your assisting role and procedures to individuals and relevant carers in terms that they will understand
- K6 how to manage the privacy and dignity of individual's throughout required procedures
- K7 protocols and procedures relating to the clinical/therapeutic intervention to be undertaken
- K8 the importance of following standard precautions relevant to the clinical/therapeutic intervention and the potential consequences of poor practice
- K9 policies and guidance relating to the moving and positioning of individuals and the impact they have upon your work
- K10 types of information it is appropriate to give others about an individual's programme and treatment
- K11 correct procedures to be followed where other colleagues actions give you cause for concern
- K12 record keeping practices and procedures in relation to clinical/therapeutic interventions
- K13 current European and national legislation, national guidelines and local policies and protocols which affect your work practice in relation to providing assistance to practitioners during clinical/therapeutic interventions
- K14 your responsibilities under the current European and national legislation, national guidelines and local policies and protocols within your working environment
- K15 policies and guidance which clarify your scope of practice and the relationship between yourself and the practitioner in terms of delegation and supervision

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### Additional Information

#### External Links

This standard links with the following dimension 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**

<b>Candidate's Name:</b>	
<b>Candidate's Signature:</b>	
<b>Date submitted to assessor as complete:</b>	

<b>Assessor's Name:</b>	
<b>Assessor's Signature:</b>	
<b>Date assessed as complete:</b>	

**Internal Verification —**

to be completed in accordance with centre's IV strategy

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

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

<b>Date of admin check</b>	<b>IV's Signature</b>	<b>IV's Name</b>

**Unit completion confirmed**

<b>IV's Name:</b>	
<b>IV's Signature:</b>	
<b>Date complete:</b>	