

SFHPCS25 - SQA Code HC9N 04

Carry out delegated activities in the anaesthetic environment/Post Anaesthetic Care Unit (PACU)



Overview

This standard involves carrying out activities that are delegated to you by a registered practitioner within the anaesthetic environment/Post Anaesthetic Care Unit (PACU). This includes preparing the environment and equipment for the reception of patients into the anaesthetic care area/PACU and carrying out delegated care activities to assist the registered practitioner in the care of patients the patient's anaesthetic phase. 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 other relevant health and safety measures
- P2 in consultation with the registered practitioner ensure that all necessary equipment appropriate to the expected patient is available
- P3 report equipment that is not fit for purpose to the registered practitioner
- P4 assist in transferring the patient to the anaesthetic environment/ Post Anaesthetic Care Unit
- P5 assist the registered practitioner during reception and care of the patient, providing support as required within own sphere of competence
- P6 maintain the privacy, dignity and comfort of patients at all times
- P7 support the registered practitioner in the assessment and management of the patient undergoing anaesthesia/sedation/post-operative care
- P8 carry out delegated care activities as requested by the registered practitioner
- P9 assist as directed by the registered practitioner in any clinical emergency interventions
- P10 measure and record clinical observations under direct supervision of the registered practitioner
- P11 report any deviation from normal clinical parameters to the registered practitioner
- P12 handle and use all equipment correctly and safely throughout, consistent with manufacturer's instructions
- P13 clean reusable equipment following relevant procedures and dispose of waste and single use equipment in the correct receptacle
- P14 carry out routine daily stock taking for disposables/fluids/linen
- P15 maintain the cleanliness of the care environment

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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 carrying out delegated activities in the anaesthetic environment/Post Anaesthetic Care Unit (PACU)
- 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 when preparing the care area for the reception of patients for/from anaesthesia/recovery from surgery/clinical procedures
- K5 the application of standard precautions to preparing the anaesthetic environment/Post Anaesthetic Care Unit and the potential consequences of poor practice
- K6 the reasons the anaesthetic care environment/ Post Anaesthetic Care Unit may be stressful for the patient and ways in which the patient may be reassured
- K7 the potential difficulties in communicating with patients prior to and following anaesthesia/sedation and how they can be overcome
- K8 how to maintain patients' dignity, privacy and comfort during the anaesthetic/sedation and recovery period
- K9 the significance of continuous individual patient observation and the importance of reporting to the registered practitioner
- K10 the anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular system in relation to measurement of pulse and blood pressure
- K11 how anaesthesia and surgery may affect pulse and blood pressure
- K12 the anatomy and physiology of the respiratory system related to measurement of respiratory function
- K13 how anaesthesia and surgery may affect the respiratory system during the perioperative period and the importance of correct positioning
- K14 the anatomy and physiology of the renal system related to urinary output
- K15 how anaesthesia may affect the renal system during the perioperative period and how this may affect urinary output
- K16 the thermoregulatory system and how this may be affected during the perioperative episode
- K17 the importance of the need for warming patients' during the perioperative period
- K18 the skeleton and peripheral nervous system related to checking warmth, colour, sensation and movement

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- K19 the types, purpose and function of materials and equipment required in the anaesthetic environment/ Post Anaesthetic Care Unit
- K20 the types, purpose and function of materials and equipment required for measuring non-invasive clinical observations
- K21 the types of essential anaesthetic/recovery equipment used for patients requiring anaesthesia or recovering from anaesthesia
- K22 methods the normal parameters and methods for measuring patients, including:
 - K22.1 temperature
 - K22.2 pulse and blood pressure
 - K22.3 respiration and oxygen levels
 - K22.4 urinary output
 - K22.5 warmth, colour, sensation and movement of limbs
- K23 the common adverse reactions related to anaesthetic and recovery care which patients may experience and the importance of recognising and immediately reporting adverse reactions to the registered practitioner
- K24 risk assessment in the anaesthetic/sedation/recovery care area and the assistance required by the registered practitioner/clinician when any hazards are identified or actually occur
- K25 the importance of reporting the status of essential anaesthetic/recovery equipment to the registered practitioner
- K26 the importance of recording all information clearly and precisely in the relevant documentation
- K27 the importance of reporting all information to the registered practitioner
- K28 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 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

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:	