
Overview

This standard is about assisting with the preparation of individuals for operative procedures. This includes providing assistance to the registered practitioner during draping and the preparation of the operative sites.

You will be working in a 'scrubbed' role whilst undertaking these activities. All actions and decisions should be carried out in accordance with current legislation, organisational policies, clinical protocols, and professional standards.

Users of this standard will need to communicate effectively to meet individuals' needs and wishes and work in line with health and safety legislation, policy and practices

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1. identify and agree the roles and responsibilities of yourself and others in assisting in the preparation of individuals for operative and clinically invasive procedures
- P2. communicate with the individual and key people at a pace, in a manner and at a level appropriate to the individual's understanding, preferences and needs
- P3. provide support to the individual and ensure health and safety measures are implemented at all times
- P4. identify the individual's operative site, and clarify any uncertainties with the registered practitioner before assisting with the preparation
- P5. identify potential sources of contamination and take appropriate action to minimise any risks
- P6. assist in the preparation of the individual in a manner which optimises their dignity, comfort and safety
- P7. select and handle surgical instrumentation and supplementary items in line with manufacturers' instructions and in a manner which minimises the risk of harm
- P8. select an appropriate site on the sterile field for attaching surgical instruments and supplementary items
- P9. ensure all swabs and items used in the preparation of the operative site are accounted for and recorded in accordance with organisational policies and procedures prior to safe disposal
- P10. complete all relevant documentation required for assisting in the preparation of individuals for operative and clinically invasive procedures

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1. the current legislation, local guidelines, policies, procedures and protocols which are relevant to your work practice and to which you must adhere
- K2. the scope and limitations of your own competence, responsibilities and accountability as it applies to your job role
- K3. how to access and interpret all relevant work instructions and information
- K4. specific procedures for reporting issues which are beyond your competence, responsibilities and accountability
- K5. the hazards and risks which may arise during the execution of your work role and how you can minimise these
- K6. the correct use of any equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to protect the health and safety of you and others
- K7. the principles, practice and procedures associated with informed consent
- K8. the needs of individuals including issues relating to dignity, confidentiality, and privacy
- K9. the types, purpose and function of surgical instrumentation and supplementary items used in individual preparation for surgery
- K10. factors which affect the choice of surgical instrumentation and supplementary items for individual
- K11. factors which affect the choice of appropriate sites for attaching instrumentation
- K12. common skin preparation agents and their presentation and mechanism/mode of action
- K13. precautions required to prevent allergic reactions and diathermy burns where relevant to the work area
- K14. the types of surgical drape in common use, and the effectiveness of different

types of material as barriers to cross infection

K15. the dangers of re-using equipment designed for single use only

K16. the relationship between effective surgical field preparation, prevention of wound contamination and surgical access

K17. specific instances where particular, non-routine methods are used to prepare the surgical field in the operating department, and the rationale for this

K18. safe and effective methods of applying skin preparation agents and the type and extent of skin preparation needed

K19. the specific lines of accountability within the surgical/interventional team

K20. how to complete all relevant documentation required for assisting in the preparation of individuals for operative and clinically invasive procedures in accordance with organisational requirements

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