
Overview

This standard involves carrying out activities that are delegated to you by a registered practitioner within the anaesthetic environment.

This includes preparing the environment and equipment for the reception of individuals into the anaesthetic care area/Post Anaesthetic Care Unit and carrying out delegated care activities to assist the registered practitioner in the care of individuals anaesthetic phase

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 carrying out delegated activities in the anaesthetic environment
- 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. respect the individual's rights and wishes relating to their consent, privacy, beliefs, and dignity
- P4. provide support to the individual and ensure health and safety measures are implemented at all times
- P5. ensure, in consultation with the registered practitioner, that all necessary equipment is available and fit for purpose
- P6. report equipment that is not fit for purpose to the registered practitioner
- P7. assist in transferring the individual to the anaesthetic environment
- P8. assist the registered practitioner during reception and care of the individual, providing support as required within own sphere of competence
- P9. support the registered practitioner in the assessment and management of the individual undergoing anaesthesia/sedation/post-operative care
- P10. assist as directed by the registered practitioner in any clinical emergency interventions
- P11. measure and record clinical observations under direct supervision of the registered practitioner
- P12. report any deviation from normal clinical parameters to the registered practitioner
- P13. handle and use all equipment correctly and safely throughout, consistent with manufacturer's instructions
- P14. clean reusable equipment following relevant procedures and dispose of waste in

accordance with organisational procedures

P15. carry out routine stock taking for disposables/fluids/linen in accordance with organisational procedures

P16. maintain the cleanliness of the care environment

P17. complete all relevant documentation required for carrying out delegated activities in the anaesthetic environment/post anaesthetic care unit

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 PPE to protect the health and safety of you and others and preparing the anaesthetic environment and the potential consequences of poor practice
- 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 reasons the anaesthetic care environment may be stressful for the individual and ways in which the individual may be reassured
- K10. the potential difficulties in communicating with individuals prior to and following anaesthesia/sedation and how they can be overcome and how to adapt communication styles in ways which are appropriate to the needs of the individual
- K11. the significance of continuous individual observation and the importance of reporting to the registered practitioner
- K12. the anatomy and physiology of the cardiovascular system in relation to measurement of pulse and blood pressure

K13. how anaesthesia and surgery may affect pulse and blood pressure

K14. the anatomy and physiology of the respiratory system related to measurement of respiratory function

K15. how anaesthesia and surgery may affect the respiratory system during the perioperative period and the importance of correct positioning

K16. the anatomy and physiology of the renal system related to urinary output

K17. how anaesthesia may affect the renal system during the perioperative period and how this may affect urinary output

K18. the thermoregulatory system and how this may be affected during the perioperative period

K19. the importance of the need for warming individuals during the perioperative period

K20. the skeleton and peripheral nervous system related to checking warmth, colour, sensation and movement

K21. the types, purpose and function of materials and equipment required in the anaesthetic environment

K22. the normal parameters and methods for measuring individuals, including:

- a. temperature
- b. pulse and blood pressure
- c. respiration and oxygen levels
- d. urinary output
- e. warmth, colour, sensation and movement of limbs

K23. the common adverse reactions related to anaesthetic and recovery care which individuals 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. how to complete all relevant documentation required for carrying out delegated activities in the anaesthetic environment/post anaesthetic care unit

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