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Manage clinical environments



Overview

This standard is about ensuring that clinical environments are properly prepared and maintained for use, including equipment and materials. It also covers making sure that there is an adequate supply of veterinary materials

This standard is suitable for registered veterinary nurses.

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Performance criteria

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You must be able to:

- P1 ensure that examination rooms and other clinical environments are clean and prepared for use according to the veterinary service being delivered, which could include:
 - P2.1. examination
 - P2.2. sample collection
 - P2.3. fluid therapy
 - P2.4. medication
 - P2.5. applying dressings and bandages
 - P2.6. diagnostic procedures
- P2 ensure that the environmental conditions are suitable for the animal and the medical procedure, including:
 - P3.1. levels of light
 - P3.2. temperature
 - P3.3. ventilation
 - P3.4. noise
- P3 ensure the equipment, materials and medication required for the medical procedure or investigation are correctly identified and prepared
- P4 ensure that equipment is in a useable condition and deal with any problems with equipment and/or fixtures and fittings
- P5 ensure that equipment and materials are in the correct location for ease of use
- P6 ensure that furniture and storage containers are correctly and securely position
- P7 dispose of surplus and waste materials according to veterinary practice procedures
- P8 ensure that private areas are kept secure
- P9 select and implement appropriate infection control procedures
- P10 assess the potential risks to health and safety in this area of work
- P11 maintain your own professional conduct

Manage the supply of veterinary materials

You must be able to:

- P12 obtain veterinary materials from authorised suppliers according to veterinary practice procedures. Materials include:
 - P12.1. medication
 - P12.2. sterile supplies
 - P12.3. consumables
- P13 regularly check veterinary materials for the following:
 - P13.1. expiry dates
 - P13.2. level of deterioration
 - P13.3. quantity
 - P13.4. damage
 - P13.5. schedule

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- P13.6. storage requirements
- P14 keep veterinary materials in the correct condition and store securely according to manufacturers' guidelines and practice procedures
- P15 dispose of surplus and waste veterinary materials according to veterinary practice procedures and health and safety requirements
- P16 maintain stock levels of veterinary materials at the correct level according to veterinary practice procedures
- P17 ensure records of supplies are up to date, accurate and accessible only to authorised people

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

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- K1 when to seek guidance from qualified veterinary staff regarding the clinical environment
- K2 how to prepare clinical environments for the delivery of various veterinary services
- K3 the environmental conditions required for medical procedures and investigations and how to adjust them
- K4 the type of equipment and materials used for various medical procedures and investigations
- K5 how to prepare equipment, materials and medication for medical procedures and investigations
- K6 how to identify damage or faults in examination rooms and practice procedures for dealing with them
- K7 practice procedures for the servicing of equipment
- K8 the correct position of different type of equipment and materials
- K9 the correct position of different types of furniture and storage containers
- K10 why it is important to mark public and private areas and what level of security is needed
- K11 appropriate infection control measures
- K12 the principles and key points of the relevant health and safety regulations and guidelines
- K13 your professional responsibilities as a registered veterinary nurse

You need to know and understand:

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- K14 who the authorised suppliers are for different veterinary materials and why it is important to use them
- K15 why it is important to regularly check the condition of veterinary materials and rotate when necessary
- K16 the problems involved in maintaining the condition of veterinary materials
- K17 appropriate methods for disposing of surplus and waste veterinary materials
- K18 the appropriate stock levels of different veterinary materials
- K19 who should have access to supply records and why it is important that they are accurate
- K20 the principles and key points of the legislation, regulations and guidelines (including the Medicines Act)

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