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Select assessment and investigative techniques/procedures to meet individuals' needs



Overview

This standard is about the selection of relevant techniques or procedures to meet the needs of the clinical request and identified risks or special needs of the individual. The selection may relate to one or more investigations and to the sequence in which such investigations are performed. Practitioners will work within their own level of authority and competence for selection of the relevant technique or procedure.

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 confirm that the clinical question, priorities and reason for referral are clear
- P2 confirm that all information relevant to the selection of assessment and investigative techniques/procedures is available for review
- P3 where no investigations are specified in the referral, obtain sufficiently detailed information to determine the most effective course of action
- P4 determine suitable range and sequence of assessment(s) or investigation(s) to fully investigate clinical question on the basis of a valid analysis of the available information, balancing clinical need and organisational policies
- P5 identify any potential contra-indications or risks to proposed assessment(s) or investigation(s)
- P6 determine action, including any acceptable adaptations to standard techniques and procedures that may be required to manage risks effectively
- P7 discuss and agree with relevant others any changes or adaptations to techniques/procedures specified in a referral that are not suitable for the individual and/or the clinical question
- P8 maintain clear, accurate and current records of the selection made, including risks identified and risk management arrangements agreed and ensure that the information is available for reference when required

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the range of assessments and investigations available, relevant protocols, their application and purpose
- K2 the contra-indications and risks associated with each assessment or investigation and the implications of proceeding with due consideration of related risks
- K3 your responsibilities under national legislation and regulations, European, International and local guidelines, Professional standards and Codes of Practice
- K4 the principles and limitations of relevant assessments and investigations, including potential contra-indications to their use
- K5 the range of equipment used in the selected investigations or assessments
- K6 the purpose, capabilities, limitations and associated risks of relevant equipment
- K7 how and from whom to obtain additional information to assist with decisions regarding choice of assessment/investigative techniques and procedures
- K8 the clinical and scientific background to selected procedures/techniques and the merits of proposed investigations relative to current and emerging clinical practice
- K9 the acceptable changes or adaptations that can be made to procedures and techniques, the associated implications and risks and how these can be managed effectively
- K10 the use and importance of accurate documentation associated with individual referral and selection of assessment or investigation techniques and procedures

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Additional Information

External links

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

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