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Establish an individual's suitability to undergo an intervention



Overview

This standard is about the assessment of individuals in relation to their suitability to undergo potential or recommended investigation or treatment. It will include a review of the status of the individual's health and any contra-indications or potential reactions to the planned or on-going procedure. Practitioners will work within the limits of their authority and competence in respect of type of patient and complexity of assessment this competence will be used in conjunction with 'Undertake a risk assessment in relation to a health intervention'.

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 individual's identity and informed consent for the intervention
- P2 confirm that relevant individual preparation has been completed
- P3 determine contra-indications or risks associated with intervention prior to commencement
- P4 implement actions to manage identified contra-indications or risks in line with organisational policies
- P5 confirm that other monitoring or other pre-investigation tests have been completed and results are available
- P6 form an accurate assessment of the individual's clinical and physical condition prior to the start of the evaluation
- P7 confirm the individual's suitability to proceed only when all relevant indicators are positive and identified contra-indications have been managed
- P8 maintain accurate and complete records on assessment and judgements concerning the individual's suitability for the intervention(s)

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the range of investigations available, relevant protocols, their application and purpose and requirements for individual consent
- K2 the contra-indications associated with the procedure to be performed
- K3 your responsibilities under current national legislation and regulations, European, International and local Guidelines, Professional Standards and Codes of Practice
- K4 scientific principles associated with the relevant clinical application of equipment
- K5 the theory and technology underpinning relevant clinical interventions
- K6 technical capabilities and limitations of associated equipment
- K7 the risks involved with the use of equipment associated with the relevant procedure(s)
- K8 the clinical background to the procedure and the merits of modality relative to other modalities and current and emerging clinical practice
- K9 the clinical case mix relevant to range of possible interventions
- K10 the use and importance of documentation associated with requests for investigation

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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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