

SFHCHS179

Advise on requirements for choice of therapeutic intervention



Overview

This standard relates to the provision of advice regarding the range, number, type or extent of therapy required to optimise patient management. This will involve discussion with referring clinicians and colleagues and will often include review of the scientific literature, patient/family history and other relevant test results.

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 identify and verify factors including contra-indications apparent from patient history
- P2 evaluate potential efficacy of planned intervention, given all available data
- P3 liaise with colleagues and other clinicians to clarify and resolve any discrepancies or difficulties in the evaluation of patient data
- P4 generate options including modification or alternatives to planned intervention to meet clinical need as appropriate
- P5 verify suitability and potential effectiveness of planned intervention or suggested alternatives
- P6 agree course of action with those responsible for performing the intervention
- P7 document key points of agreement, including specific factors which influenced advice and recommendations
- P8 maintain confidentiality throughout the advisory process

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the purpose, process and associated risks of proposed intervention
- K2 contra-indications to performance of intervention
- K3 factors influencing the effectiveness of interventions
- K4 possible and acceptable modifications or alternatives to planned intervention
- K5 the significance of modification or alternatives
- K6 how, when and where to seek expert advice and assistance

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Additional Information

External Links

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

Dimension: HWB6 Assessment and treatment planning

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