Identify signs of abnormality revealed by endoscopic procedures



Overview

This standard covers identifying signs of abnormality revealed during endoscopic procedures. This covers the use of endoscopes, during a range of endoscopic procedures. As the endoscope is guided along, any signs of abnormality are identified and their location recorded. These signs are not always clear, so there is an aspect of interpreting the information obtained from the endoscope.

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 respect the individual's rights and wishes relating to their consent, privacy, beliefs, and dignity
- P2 review all relevant information about the condition of the individual
- P3 ensure that health and safety measures relevant to the endoscopic procedure are undertaken
- P4 monitor the effects of the examination on the condition of the individual, and ensure their safety at all times
- P5 examine comprehensively the clinical status of the individual according to the potential condition being assessed
- P6 guide and manipulate the appropriate endoscope to enable the assessment of the mucosa
- P7 interpret the information revealed by the endoscopic procedure and identify any signs of abnormality
- P8 record the signs of abnormality with suitable imaging systems, where possible, according to organisational procedures
- P9 determine the most appropriate actions to take with the abnormalities
- P10 keep accurate, legible, and complete records, and comply with all the relevant legal, professional, and organisational requirements and guidelines

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the ethics and responsibilities of practitioners, and relevant professional bodies, codes of conduct, and guidelines
- K2 evidence-based practice and its role in improving care
- K3 the legislation relating to the
 - K3.1 role of practitioners and clinical practice
 - K3.2 health and safety
 - K3.3 the care of individuals, include impact of the Human Rights Act
 - K3.4 freedom of information and data protection
- K4 government and organisational policies relating to the provision of endoscopy
- K5 aetiology, pathogenesis, and progress of specific conditions, including genetic or environmental factors
- K6 the anatomy, physiology, and pathology relevant to specific conditions
- K7 the methods for managing specific conditions
- K8 the short, medium, and long term effects of specific conditions on individuals and their carers
- K9 symptoms of specific conditions, and potential complications and outcomes
- K10 the signs of abnormalities revealed by endoscopic procedures
- K11 legislation and legal processes relating to consent
- K12 the principles of informed consent, including implied consent and expressed consent
- K13 the process and timing for obtaining informed consent during endoscopic procedures, and what to do if consent is withdrawn during procedures
- K14 the relevant national and organisational policies and guidelines on consent
- K15 statutory statements, living wills, advanced directives, and other expressions of an individual's wishes
- K16 diagnostic procedures, criteria, and methodologies
- K17 the expectations and importance of diagnosis for individuals, carers, and other practitioners and agencies
- K18 the methods for confirming diagnosis
- K19 the procedures for recording a diagnosis
- K20 the reliability, and uncertainty, of a diagnosis
- K21 established and new endoscopic procedures and techniques that are available for use with specific conditions
- K22 the equipment and accessories to be used with specific endoscopic procedures
- K23 the suitability of endoscopic procedures and techniques for specific groups of individuals
- K24 the risks and complications of specific endoscopic procedures and techniques

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- K25 the guidelines and procedures for quality assurance, and evidence of effectiveness of specific endoscopic procedures
- K26 the methods to assess and monitor the individual during endoscopic procedures
- K27 the needs of individuals and carers, including issues relating to dignity, confidentiality, and privacy
- K28 the role, responsibilities, needs, and relationships between individuals and carers
- K29 the services and assistance that the individual and their carers should be entitled to
- K30 the type of information that is most useful to individuals and their carers, their rights to obtain it, and how they can access it
- K31 how individuals and carers respond to endoscopic procedures
- K32 national and local policies and guidelines relating to the management and effective use of endoscopy resources
- K33 organisational management structures, roles, and responsibilities
- K34 procedures, protocols, and pathways for liaising with individuals, carers, practitioners, departments, and agencies
- K35 record keeping systems and policies
- K36 how to provide feedback on services
- K37 methods and equipment to monitor physiological condition
- K38 how specific endoscopic procedures require or cause a change in the physiological condition of an individual
- K39 responses of individuals, and signs of distress or complications
- K40 resuscitation methods
- K41 the procedures and methods relating to the coordination of interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary teams within and across services
- K42 the role of different types of practitioners and agencies in providing an endoscopy service
- K43 the services provided by relevant national, local, and voluntary social and healthcare agencies
- K44 sources of authoritative information on endoscopic procedures, including evidence based information
- K45 the centres of research and development on endoscopy, and the current issues and research debates
- K46 information and educational resources for practitioners, individuals, and carers, and methods for accessing them
- K47 journals, magazines, web-sites, and patient guidance notes and leaflets for specific endoscopic procedures
- K48 voluntary organisations, charities, and interest groups relating to different conditions

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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: HWB7 Interventions and treatments planning

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