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Manage polyps through the use of endoscopic procedures



Overview

This standard covers managing polyps during endoscopic procedures. This covers the use of endoscopes, during a range of endoscopic procedures. Different types of polyps are identified at different points during the endoscopy. A decision has to be taken whether to leave them or remove them, and then if the polyp is to be retrieved for analysis. A range of techniques is available for removing the polyps. The sites of polyps can also be marked to ensure that they can be monitored in the future.

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 polypectomy are undertaken
- P4 monitor the effects of the polypectomy on the condition of the individual, and ensure their safety at all times
- P5 ensure the appropriate polypectomy equipment and drugs are ready for use
- P6 position and manipulate the appropriate endoscope to the site of the polyps
- P7 decide which of the polyps should be removed, and select the most appropriate polypectomy technique to remove them
- P8 insert the appropriate accessories down the endoscope channel
- P9 remove the designated polyps by applying the appropriate degree of heat and pressure to remove the polyp head
- P10 check the remaining polyp bases to ensure that they are not bleeding after separation
- P11 retrieve the polyps if possible, and ensure that samples are labelled correctly and processed efficiently according to organisational procedures
- P12 mark the site of the removed polyps for future management
- P13 identify any complications resulting from the management of the polyps, and take appropriate action to resolve them
- P14 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 established and new endoscopic procedures and techniques that are available for use with specific conditions
- K17 the equipment and accessories to be used with specific endoscopic procedures
- K18 the suitability of endoscopic procedures and techniques for specific groups of individuals
- K19 the risks and complications of specific endoscopic procedures and techniques
- K20 the guidelines and procedures for quality assurance, and evidence of effectiveness of specific endoscopic procedures
- K21 the methods to assess and monitor the individual during endoscopic procedures
- K22 the needs of individuals and carers, including issues relating to dignity, confidentiality, and privacy

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- K23 the role, responsibilities, needs, and relationships between individuals and carers
- K24 the services and assistance that the individual and their carers should be entitled to
- K25 the type of information that is most useful to individuals and their carers, their rights to obtain it, and how they can access it
- K26 how individuals and carers respond to endoscopic procedures
- K27 different types and causes of polyps, and relationships to specific underlying conditions
- K28 the endoscopic techniques for removing polyps
- K29 the risks and complications of removing polyps, and the guidelines and procedures for dealing with them
- K30 national and local policies and guidelines relating to the management and effective use of endoscopy resources
- K31 organisational management structures, roles, and responsibilities
- K32 procedures, protocols, and pathways for liaising with individuals, carers, practitioners, departments, and agencies
- K33 record keeping systems and policies
- K34 how to provide feedback on services
- K35 methods and equipment to monitor physiological condition
- K36 how specific endoscopic procedures require or cause a change in the physiological condition of an individual
- K37 responses of individuals, and signs of distress or complications
- K38 resuscitation methods
- K39 the procedures and methods relating to the coordination of inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary teams within and across services
- K40 the role of different types of practitioners and agencies in providing an endoscopy service
- K41 the services provided by relevant national, local, and voluntary social and healthcare agencies
- K42 sources of authoritative information on endoscopic procedures, including evidence based information
- K43 the centres of research and development on endoscopy, and the current issues and research debates
- K44 information and educational resources for practitioners, individuals, and carers, and methods for accessing them
- K45 journals, magazines, web-sites, and patient guidance notes and leaflets for specific endoscopic procedures
- K46 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

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