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Prioritise the interventions to be performed for an individual



Overview

This standard covers the prioritising of any interventions to be performed on an individual with a number of health and/or care needs to ensure that interventions are conducted in an order that optimises the health of the individual. This will include establishing and determining the severity of each health and/or care need and communicating priorities to other health and care professionals.

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 ensure that, where possible, the individual has given informed consent for interventions to be performed
- P2 continue to inform and reassure them regarding any concerns or questions they have about the planned intervention
- P3 locate and identify all areas of the individual that will require intervention in a timely and appropriate manner
- P4 conduct a pain assessment with the individual to determine which areas need prioritising for them in terms of pain management and control, taking due account of their reaction to parts of the pain assessment
- P5 determine accurately the severity of each separate aspect requiring intervention
- P6 prioritise interventions appropriately, in line with good clinical practice so that interventions that are most critical to sustaining life, bodily function and/or tissue viability are conducted first
- P7 ensure that the less critical intervention areas are quickly stabilised so that more critical interventions can be conducted in the identified priority order
- P8 ensure that the priority order assigned to each of the interventions required is understood by all relevant others
- P9 maintain timely, accurate, complete and legible records in accordance with local policies and procedures and work at all times within appropriate patient and information confidentiality guidelines and protocols
- P10 respect/maintain the privacy, dignity and confidentiality of the individual throughout your interaction with them
- P11 work within your scope of responsibility and accountability, referring to others where appropriate and/or necessary

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the current European and national legislation, national guidelines and local policies and protocols which affect your work practice
- K2 your responsibilities under the current European and national legislation, national guidelines and local policies and protocols with regard to your actions within the EUSC environment
- K3 the policies and guidance which clarify your scope of practice and the relationship between yourself and other members of staff in terms of delegation and supervision
- K4 your role and the importance of working within your own scope of practice
- K5 the importance of involving the individual in the process as much as is practically possible
- K6 the importance of considering the individual's level of understanding in answering questions about the interventions to be performed
- K7 the different methods of communication you may have to use in relation to individuals with communication difficulties or differences
- K8 the type and range of procedures and interventions available and contra-indications of each
- K9 the appropriate techniques of pain assessment and management, in line with current guidance in this field of practice
- K10 the breadth of tests available and their appropriateness in dealing with the presenting condition of the individual and determining a priority order for interventions to be performed
- K11 the processes you would go through in prioritising the sequence of interventions to be undertaken
- K12 how to evaluate undifferentiated and complex problems
- K13 the principles of local, general and regional anaesthesia and the effect of these on prioritising interventions to be performed
- K14 applied anatomy, general and system specific physiology and pathology in relation to the conditions to be prioritised, in line with current guidance in your field of practice
- K15 how and where to obtain relevant information to support decisions regarding prioritisation of interventions for individuals
- K16 the importance of recording information clearly, accurately and in a systematic manner
- K17 the types of information that must be recorded in relation to different activities
- K18 the importance of recording information as soon after the event as possible
- K19 how the availability of resources to undertake interventions can impact upon the suitability of intervention options for the individual

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K20 the methods of obtaining information regarding the availability of relevant resources

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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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