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Manage emergency situations that occur as a result of an EUSC intervention



Overview

This standard relates to the management of clinical emergencies that may occur as a result of an EUSC intervention. The range of potential situations is huge and this competence focuses on the ability to both isolate and resolve the emergency and to evaluate and report on the likelihood of a similar intervention-related emergency arising.

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 monitor the individual during the intervention and be alert to any unexpected or emergency situations and/or sudden changes in their condition
- P2 respond appropriately and promptly to any emergency situations in line with relevant national and local protocols and procedures
- P3 comfort and reassure the individual during the resolution of the emergency situation in circumstances where the individual is aware of what is going on around them
- P4 ensure that all team members understand their role within the team during an emergency situation, and are able to work together effectively to quickly rectify the emergency situation
- P5 work within your scope of responsibility and accountability, referring to others where appropriate and/or necessary when an emergency situation is beyond your scope of responsibility or competence to deal with
- P6 isolate the possible cause or causes of the emergency situation in order to minimise further occurrence of the same emergency situation during the intervention
- P7 ensure the emergency situation has been appropriately resolved and the individual is in a safe and stable condition before recommencing with the intervention
- P8 take appropriate action, in line with relevant national and local protocols and procedures, if attempts to rectify an emergency situation are unsuccessful
- P9 identify the potential for similar intervention related emergencies to arise and report to the appropriate authorities in line with clinical governance requirements
- P10 respect the privacy, dignity and confidentiality of the individual throughout your interaction with them
- P11 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

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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 on 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 the principles of asepsis in relation to the use of instrumentation and supplementary items and the maintenance of the sterile field; and the potential consequence of poor practice
- K5 the importance of following standard precautions relevant to the intervention to be undertaken and the protective clothing which may be worn for the individual's and your protection
- K6 the potential consequences of poor practice in relation to the application of standard precautions
- K7 your role and the importance of working within your own sphere of competence
- K8 the roles and responsibilities of other team members and the importance of working effectively and efficiently within a team
- K9 the importance of responding appropriately and promptly to any emergency situation to ensure the safety, health and well being of the individual
- K10 the importance of communicating well with the rest of the team throughout any emergency situation
- K11 appropriate responses for emergency situations that would occur within your scope of practice and the procedures and techniques associated with these
- K12 methods of identifying and altering aspects of the intervention to avoid further occurrence of the emergency situation without compromising the successful completion of the intervention
- K13 the techniques and procedures for monitoring the individual's condition during the intervention and emergency situation, and methods for recognising any significant changes
- K14 the appropriate action to take if attempts to rectify the emergency situation are unsuccessful, and the procedures and techniques associated with this
- K15 the dangers of repeated anaesthesia for the individual
- K16 the approach to the diagnosis and management of emergency situations
- K17 how intercurrent disease predisposes patients to particular complications

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- K18 the importance of recording information clearly, accurately and in a systematic manner
- K19 the types of information that must be recorded in relation to different activities
- K20 the importance of recording information as soon after the event as possible
- K21 the materials, instruments and equipment associated with responding to an emergency situation and the correct methods for their proper and safe handling and usage

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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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