

Operate equipment for the care of babies

Overview

This standard is about operating equipment for the care of babies. The types of equipment used may be for monitoring, transportation, emergency, maintenance and stabilisation purposes. A caring and compassionate approach should be adopted in line with current healthcare guidance. 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:

1. identify and evaluate the appropriate type, amount and standard of equipment required for the care of the baby
2. prepare and use the equipment required for the care of the baby correctly in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and organisational procedures
3. apply appropriate health and safety measures and standard precautions for infection prevention and control
4. store all equipment correctly in accordance with manufacturers' instructions and organisational requirements
5. communicate with other team members for help or advice in the event of equipment failure, adverse incident, repair and service
6. produce records and reports that are clear, comprehensive, and accurate, and maintain the security and confidentiality of information

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. legal, organisational and policy requirements relevant to your role and the activities being carried out
2. the organisational procedures for dealing with faulty equipment in the practice area
3. the nature, extent and boundaries of your work role and its relationship to others in the organisation
4. the roles of other health and social care practitioners and how they relate between and across agencies
5. the principle of information governance and the implications for your practice
6. the health conditions which may affect babies in your area of practice
7. the physical, psychological and social needs of neonatal development in relation to gestational age or type of delivery
8. the impact of family and environment on the health and well-being of babies
9. the factors that increase the risk of significant harm to babies
10. the process of adaptation to extra-uterine life
11. the risk factors for premature birth, including fetal, maternal and social influencing factors relative to birth history
12. the types of equipment used for the care of babies in your area of practice
13. the purpose of the equipment used for the care of babies in your area of practice
14. the importance of applying appropriate health and safety measures and standard precautions for infection prevention and control
15. how to prepare and use equipment safely and correctly and in accordance with manufacturers' instructions and organisational procedures
16. how to assess the appropriate type, amount and standard of equipment required for the care of babies in your area of practice
17. the ways in which equipment for the care of babies in your area of practice can go wrong
18. the actions to take in the event of equipment malfunction and/or failure
19. how to keep records in accordance with organisational policies and procedures

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