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Assure the quality of contact lenses



Overview

This standard is about ensuring that the product meets the specification, and for taking the necessary corrective action to achieve this. This includes the full range of optical powers (including toric and multi-focal contact lenses). It applies to both moulded and lathe-cut contact lenses. 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 confirm that the equipment to be used is in safe working order, and has been correctly set up
- P2 confirm that the specification has been met
- P3 identify any incorrectly processed items, and take relevant corrective action
- P4 make adjustments, within the range of possible changes
- P5 complete records accurately
- P6 carry out your work safely
- P7 maintain the requirements of relevant quality standards
- P8 maintain the required standards of cleanliness

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the manufacturing specifications
- K2 where to find, and how to use, the Standard Operating Procedure
- K3 how to interpret work instructions
- K4 your level of responsibility and competence
- K5 to whom to refer for advice and clarification, and to whom to report problems
- K6 with whom to liaise over problems, and the nature of their interest
- K7 how to check that equipment is in safe working order
- K8 how to operate the equipment safely
- K9 the different types of optical materials required, their properties and handling characteristics
- K10 the connection between radii, diameter and sagitta
- K11 how to dispose of rejected lenses
- K12 the documentation to be completed
- K13 your responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act, and the implications of non-compliance
- K14 the required standards of cleanliness, and how to maintain them
- K15 the requirements of the relevant quality standards

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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: HWB9 Equipment and devices to meet health and wellbeing needs

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