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Overview

This standard relates to ensuring that the supply of radiopharmaceuticals for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes to particular patients complies with relevant statutory requirements.

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 verification of prescription or order in accordance with approved procedures
- P2 confirm that a clear line of written authorisation for the supply of radiopharmaceutical exists
- P3 confirm that where a request is made according to a protocol, the request has been approved and signed by the appropriate person under current legislative
- P4 determine whether the individual is authorised to use a particular product under current legislative requirements
- P5 ensure that orders and prescriptions contain unambiguous information to enable the correct radiopharmaceutical to be supplied
- P6 where discrepancies or ambiguity are identified, refer to authorised person to clarify
- P7 correctly interpret and apply relevant standard operating procedures
- P8 assess suitability of requested product for stated purpose
- P9 calculate activity required for paediatric or non-standard adult patients according to protocol

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and
understand:

- K1 that the prescription must be signed by a suitably qualified practitioner
- K2 methods of authorisation including electronic signatures
- K3 how to identify and comply with relevant national and international legislation and guidelines
- K4 critical information required to enable verification of prescription
- K5 normal Diagnostic Reference Levels for administration and dosage, their calculation, and acceptable variances for diagnostic purposes
- K6 range of relevant standard operating procedures
- K7 relevant requirements of certification to administer radioactive medicinal products and how to check for approval
- K8 clinical use of radiopharmaceutical products
- K9 your own level of responsibility relating to each part of this standard

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Additional Information

External links

This standard has indicative links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

Dimension: HWB10 Products to meet health and wellbeing needs

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