

## Overview

This standard applies to anyone whose role requires them to work in an assisting role in a research context, where they are working under the direction of a colleague or more senior member of staff. It covers providing meaningful assistance and hence making a meaningful contribution, as required by any aspect of research work. The focus of the standard is on being effective in an assisting role rather than the skills involved in the research process, which are covered by other standards. This standard could have relevance to people who assist in research without necessarily having a primarily research driven role.

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 adhere to standard precautions for infection control and other necessary health and safety measures
- P2 respond promptly to any requests and directions you receive
- P3 carry out delegated activities as required, in accordance with your competence level and the remit of your role
- P4 carry out tasks accurately to produce reliable and precise data to support the research investigation
- P5 follow necessary methodology when carrying out analyses and preparing specimens or samples
- P6 record results accurately for presentation to other relevant colleagues
- P7 work within your own personal scope of practice at all times
- P8 communicate required information to others clearly, accurately and in a timely fashion
- P9 collaborate effectively and proactively in situations requiring team working

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 relevant aspects of legislation, guidelines, policies and protocols which affect your work
- K2 the importance of working within your competence and the remit of your role, and what to do to avoid breaching this
- K3 the factors that facilitate an effective and collaborative working relationship
- K4 how the research environment you work in is stocked and resourced, and the implication this has on your work
- K5 the importance of following standard precautions and other relevant health and safety measures and the potential consequences of poor practice
- K6 the importance of accurately adhering to the planned research methodology
- K7 information that should be recorded as part of the research process and the importance of doing this accurately and at the appropriate time
- K8 record keeping practices and procedures in research contexts
- K9 appropriate methods and procedures for communicating information to others

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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: G5 Services and project management

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