

CHS51 Discontinue infusions delivered subcutaneously and remove syringe driver or infusion device

OVERVIEW

This standard covers the removal of syringe drivers or infusion devices. It also includes the disposal of contaminated waste. This standard covers the removal of syringe drivers or infusion devices used for subcutaneous treatments given to adults. Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies. Version No 1

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

You will need to know and understand:

1. national and/or local policy and guidelines for syringe drivers/infusion devices and equipment
2. national and/or local infection control and COSHH policies and guidelines
3. national and/or local policies and guidelines for waste and sharps handling and disposal
4. national and/or local policy and guidelines for patient identification
5. national and/or local policy and guidelines for patient records, their storage and confidentiality of information
6. the range of information that should be made available to the patient
7. national and/or local policies and guidelines for risk management and adverse incidents
8. national and/or local guidelines for recording medication usage and for disposal and/or return of unused medication
9. manifestations of the patient's physical and emotional status
10. medical terminology relevant to the treatment
11. the safe operation of syringe drivers/infusion devices
12. the importance of timely equipment fault recognition and local guidelines for dealing with these
13. equipment capabilities, limitations and routine maintenance
14. the national and/or local guidelines for the return of drivers/infusion devices
15. the roles and responsibilities of other team members, associated professionals and agencies
16. the importance of clear communications
17. the importance of patient choice and the ways in which they can be supported to make an informed choice
18. the importance of working within your own sphere of competence and seeking advice

when faced with situations outside your sphere of competence

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

You must be able to do the following:

- 1.ensure all of your actions adhere to all legal requirements in addition to national and/or local policy and guidelines
- 2.review the patient's notes and identify any special instructions
- 3.greet, accurately identify the patient and/or key person and introduce yourself and any colleagues present
- 4.inform the patient and/or key person of the procedure and accurately answer any questions at an appropriate level and pace
- 5.re-assess the patient's physical condition, their fitness for the procedure, and seek advice from an appropriate team member and/or specialist if required
- 6.assess the patient and/or key person's psychological and emotional state and respond appropriately
- 7.remove cannula and apply appropriate dressing to wound site if required after checking for any allergies
- 8.dispose of any unused drugs according to organisational and legal requirements
- 9.remove and dispose of contaminated waste
- 10.ensure the syringe drivers or infusion devices are returned when treatment is discontinued
- 11.record details of the procedure in the patient's notes, medication charts and any other relevant documentation
- 12.recognise when you need help and/or advice and seek this from appropriate sources

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This National Occupational Standard was developed by Skills for Health. This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004): Dimension: HWB7 Interventions and treatments. This standard has replaced PSL4.