



Australian Government

**HLTTHE005 Assist with preparation of
healthcare recipient for operative
procedures**

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Modification History

Release	Comments
1	This unit of competency was first released in HLT Health Release 11.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare, transfer and position a healthcare recipient for operative procedures.

This unit applies to operating theatre technicians who work under the supervision of a surgical and anaesthetic team.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with current Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian/New Zealand standards and industry codes of practice.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite unit(s)

No pre-requisite units

Competency field(s)

Theatre Equipment

Unit sector(s)

Health

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
<i>Elements define the essential outcomes</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element</i>
1. Prepare theatre for healthcare recipient procedure	1.1 Determine preparation needs from review of healthcare recipient care information according to organisational procedures

	<p>1.2 Select and use personal protective equipment according to procedure requirements and organisational procedures</p> <p>1.3 Adopt infection control guidelines and precautions according to organisation procedure</p> <p>1.4 Attach equipment to sites according to procedure requirements and instructions from surgical team</p> <p>1.5 Report faulty equipment according to organisational procedures</p>
2. Prepare healthcare recipient for transfer	<p>2.1 Identify operating table and table orientation before healthcare recipient is transferred according to procedure requirements and instructions from surgical team</p> <p>2.2 Identify and respond to healthcare recipient discomfort during transfer according to organisational procedures</p> <p>2.3 Inform healthcare recipient and relevant personnel of transfer steps according to organisational procedures</p> <p>2.4 Adjust and detach equipment according to instructions from surgical team, organisational procedures and infection control guidelines prior to transfer</p> <p>2.5 Identify and select assistive devices for healthcare recipient needs and organisational procedures prior to transfer</p> <p>2.6 Apply dignity strategies to minimise healthcare recipient discomfort and protect privacy before, during and after transfer</p>
3. Assist with healthcare recipient transfer	<p>3.1 Transfer healthcare recipient using safe handling methods and assistance equipment according to organisational procedures</p> <p>3.2 Adjust equipment attached to healthcare recipient during transfer according to organisational procedures</p> <p>3.3 Maintain safe working area and clear passage during transfer according to organisational procedures</p> <p>3.4 Re-connect and position equipment after transfer according to instructions from surgical team, organisational procedures and infection control guidelines</p>
4. Position healthcare recipient for operative procedure	<p>4.1 Explain positioning procedure to healthcare recipient according to organisational procedures</p> <p>4.2 Confirm healthcare recipient needs and care requirements with surgical and anaesthetic team</p> <p>4.3 Position healthcare recipient using manual handling procedures according to organisational procedures</p> <p>4.4 Seek confirmation of operative position from surgical team</p>

	<p>4.5 Position healthcare recipient according to instructions from surgical team and procedure requirements</p> <p>4.6 Maintain healthcare recipient in position, using assistive equipment according to instructions from surgical team</p>
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Foundation skills

The foundation skills essential to performance of this unit, but not explicit in the performance criteria are listed here, along with a brief context statement.

Skill	Description
Learning skills to:	Apply knowledge of procedure requirements and role boundaries to support preparation, transfer and positioning of healthcare recipient across different operative procedures in familiar context.
Reading skills to:	Interpret technical and non-technical workplace instructions and care information in familiar context to determine task requirements.
Numeracy skills to:	Use basic numerical information to support safe selection and use of assistive equipment.

Digital literacy outcomes are included in the Foundation Skills Companion Volume.

Range of conditions

N/A

Assessment Requirements for HLTTHE005 Assist with preparation of healthcare recipient for operative procedures

Performance Evidence

The candidate must show evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the job role. There must be evidence that the candidate has:

- followed established technical, infection control and safe manual handling procedures and instructions for the preparation, transfer and positioning of at least 3 different healthcare recipients, into 4 main surgical positions:
 - supine
 - prone
 - lateral
 - lithotomy

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the work role. This includes knowledge of:

- legal and ethical considerations for theatre work and how these are applied in organisations, including:
 - children in the workplace
 - duty of care
 - informed consent
 - mandatory reporting
 - privacy, confidentiality and disclosure
 - dignity strategies
 - records management
- role boundaries and workplace obligations, including:
 - work role boundaries, including responsibilities and limitations when working with healthcare recipients
 - work health and safety requirements applicable to the operating theatre setting
- infection control procedures, including:
 - standard and transmission-based infection control procedures relevant to the operating theatre environment

- additional infection control requirements specific to operative environments and healthcare recipient handling tasks
- equipment handling, functionality and terminology, including:
 - equipment for healthcare recipient preparation
 - features and functions of equipment used when preparing individuals:
 - during transfer
 - during positioning
 - medical terminology used in the operating room that is relevant to the role of the operating theatre technician
- anatomy, physiology and individual positioning, including:
 - basic human anatomy and physiology relevant to individual transfer and positioning, including:
 - normal and abnormal body positions
 - joint movement
 - features of body locations where equipment may need to be attached and detached
 - different positions required for operative procedures, including:
 - supine
 - prone
 - lateral
 - lithotomy
 - associated risks, precautions and techniques for protecting healthcare recipients during movement and positioning
 - safe manual handling and risk factors for manual tasks in the perioperative environment
- individual communication and comfort, including:
 - techniques for communicating positioning and transfer procedures to healthcare recipients and providing reassurance
 - strategies for maintaining healthcare recipient dignity and minimising discomfort before, during, and after transfer and positioning

Assessment Conditions

Skills must have been demonstrated in the workplace with simulation used only where workplace assessment is not possible, and must reflect workplace conditions.

The following conditions must be met for this unit:

- use of suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including access to:

- operating theatre equipment, including:
 - operating table and lights
 - electrosurgical unit
 - instrument trolley
 - suction apparatus, including mobile and wall-mounted systems
 - microscopes
 - laparoscopic stack systems
- positioning and mobility equipment, including:
 - bean bags
 - yellowfin stirrups
 - pat slides, slide sheets, hovermats
 - lateral supports
 - head supports and head foams
 - gel supports
 - traction or orthopaedic extension frames
 - tourniquet
 - lightweight table extensions
- hospital beds
- documented procedures that the candidate follows
- modelling of industry operating conditions, including presence of situations requiring problem solving

Assessors must satisfy the current Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs)/AQF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

Mandatory Workplace Requirements

The candidate must perform the tasks outlined in the performance criteria of this unit during a period of at least 80 hours in a clinical workplace preparing healthcare recipients for operative procedures.

Unit Mapping Information

Previous Code and Title	Equivalence	Comments
HLTTHE002 Assist with preparation of clients for operative procedures	Not equivalent	Major changes to performance criteria and performance evidence. Additions to knowledge evidence and assessment conditions. Foundation skills

		added. Minor changes in unit application.
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Links

Companion volumes, including implementation guides, are found on the national training register - <https://training.gov.au/training/details/HLT>.