

Care for Individuals Using Containment Products (CC08)

Workforce Competence

This workforce competence covers caring for individuals using containment products. It involves assessing and reviewing the need for containment products and selecting the most suitable product. It also involves explaining the use of containment products to individuals.

Containment products should not be considered as a treatment for incontinence. They should be used only as a coping strategy pending definitive treatment, an adjunct to ongoing therapy or long term management of incontinence after all other treatment options have been explored.

Users of this competence will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

Links

This workforce competence has indicative links with the following dimension and levels within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004).

Searchable Key Words

Continence care, incontinence, bladder dysfunction, bowel dysfunction, pads and absorbent products.

Origins

This workforce competence has been developed by Skills for Health

1. Care For Individuals Using Containment Products (CC08)

Clinical, Theoretical and Practical Knowledge
<p>Objective To work within professional and organizational standards, taking personal decisions for clinical decisions and gaining consent from the client / carer.</p>
<p>Knowledge and Understanding</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understands scope of own clinical practice and responsibilities caring for individuals using containment products. 2. Accepts responsibilities and accountability within a professional and legal framework in relation to current national legislation, guidelines and trust policies 3. Knows the limits of own knowledge and skills and works within own sphere of competence 4. Knows when to refer to, seek guidance from another member of the team or specialist 5. Understands the need for, and makes, accurate, clear and timely records and clinical notes including management plans which meet legal requirements 6. Ability to identify issues of consent when caring for individuals using containment products in accordance with local policies and guidelines

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2. Care For Individuals Using Containment Products (CC08)

Clinical, Theoretical and Practical Knowledge
<p>Objective Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of the anatomy and physiology of the male and female lower urinary tract in relation to lower urinary tract function and continence status.</p>
<p>Knowledge and Understanding</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understands the process for urine production and normal micturition including the influence of fluid intake. 2. Be aware of the normal processes of acquisition of bladder and bowel control including voiding rates and bowel evacuations. 3. Be able to identify the function of the pelvic floor. 4. Has a basic understanding of the nervous system and its impact on continence. 5. Understands the anatomical position of the bowel and its relationship to urine voiding problems. 6. Applies knowledge of normal micturition rates and volume to be able to identify voiding dysfunction and overactive bladder. 7. Relates anatomy and physiology of the bowel to common problems and conditions. 8. Applies knowledge of normal bowel function and frequency to identify bowel dysfunction including potential underlying causes of any soiling / faecal incontinence.

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3. Care For Individuals Using Containment Products (CC08)

Clinical, Theoretical and Practical Knowledge
<p>Objective Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of the products available for containment to manage temporary or intractable bladder and / or bowel dysfunction.</p>
<p>Knowledge and Understanding</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understands how to select and manage containment products to achieve effective and acceptable social continence status for individuals 2. Has an understanding of the different types of containment products available to manage incontinence. 3. Has a knowledge of expected outcomes, side-effects and complications that can occur from using containment products. 4. Supportive material available for individuals on fitting, check steps and useful information. 5. In depth understanding of how to review individual's needs and select containment products in relation to the individuals activities of daily living and psychological needs 6. Understanding of how to ensure that the individual is as comfortable as possible whilst maintaining their privacy and dignity given the constraints of the particular containment product and the setting. 7. Understands the effects of creams and lotions on the function of certain containment products. 8. Understands the correct disposal and the environmental effect that containment products may have. 9. Has knowledge of the complaints procedure for containment products within the trust guidelines and the manufacturer's complaints procedure. 10. Able to offer advice on how to source products privately .

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4. Care For Individuals Using Containment Products (CC08)

Clinical, Theoretical and Practical Knowledge
Objective Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of how to maintain healthy skin when managing temporary or intractable bladder and / or bowel dysfunction and using containment products.
Knowledge and Understanding <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge of pressure ulcer risk assessments available to aid prevention of pressure ulcers for individuals with incontinence. 2. Understands the need for, and makes, accurate, clear and timely records and clinical notes including management plans which meet legal requirements. 3. Knowledge of skin cleansing procedures and preparation prior to the fitting and following removal of continence products. 4. Provision of education in recognizing skin related complications and the actions to take in relation to the use of containment products.

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5. Care For Individuals Using Containment Products (CC08)

Clinical, Theoretical and Practical Knowledge
Objective Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of the effects medication can have on both urinary and / or faecal incontinence and skin care products available to help prevent skin irritation when using containment products.
Knowledge and Understanding <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How certain categories of medication affect lower urinary tract and bowel function including continence status. 2. How individual's current medication may affect their lower urinary tract and bowel function including continence status. 3. Skin care products available for cleansing and protecting skin at risk of breakdown from urinary and / or faecal incontinence.

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