

Unit 103: Transport, Transfer and Position Individuals and Equipment Within the Perioperative Environment

Level:	3
Unit type:	Optional
Credit value:	5
Guided learning hours:	32

Unit Aim

This unit is aimed at those who work in a perioperative environment to transfer, transport and position individuals. Learners will have the opportunity to develop knowledge, understanding and skills needed to avoid Musculoskeletal injury to staff and tissue damage to the individual.

Assessment requirements

This unit must be assessed in line with *Skills for Health Assessment Principles for Qualifications that Assess Occupational Competence* document. Detailed information can be found in *Annexe A* of the qualification specification.

Evidence for skills within learning outcomes 3 and 4 must come from real work activities.

Learning outcomes The learner will:	Assessment criteria The learner can:
1 Understand the importance of health and safety measures when transporting, transferring and positioning individuals and equipment in the perioperative care environment	1.1 Explain the standard health and safety precautions used when moving, handling and transporting individuals and equipment
	1.2 Explain potential consequences if the standard health and safety precautions are not applied when moving, handling and transporting individuals and equipment
	1.3 Explain safe techniques and procedures used for moving and positioning individuals and equipment in the perioperative environment, according to local and organisational policies and procedures

Learning outcomes The learner will:	Assessment criteria The learner can:
	1.4 Explain the importance of using personal protective equipment
	1.5 Identify situations when additional protective equipment may be required
2 Understand the requirements for pressure area care in the perioperative environment	2.1 Explain how to contribute to the maintenance of individuals' skin integrity in the perioperative environment
	2.2 Explain how to use risk assessment documents for pressure area care during transfers and positioning
	2.3 Explain the importance of using appropriate equipment to minimise the risk of tissue damage
	2.4 Explain the importance of recording and reporting using the appropriate documents in line with local policies and protocols
3 Be able to prepare to transport individuals within the perioperative care environment	3.1 Identify the nature of the task required in discussion with the appropriate person /registered practitioner
	3.2 Apply standard precautions for infection control
	3.3 Implement health and safety measures relevant to transporting individuals within the perioperative care environment
	3.4 Check that the transport equipment is clean, safe and functioning in line with local policies and protocols
	3.5 Report any potential hazards to the appropriate team member
	3.6 Identify the individual who needs to be moved
	3.7 Inform the individual of the nature and purpose of the transfer and the role of people involved
	3.8 Confirm that any required documents are available to accompany the individual

Learning outcomes The learner will:	Assessment criteria The learner can:
4 Be able to assist in the transfer and positioning of individuals within the perioperative environment	4.1 Use safe moving and handling techniques which minimise risk to all involved, including pain, friction and discomfort for those being moved
	4.2 Transfer and position individuals according to instructions, confirming they are positioned safely, comfortably and in accordance with guidelines
	4.3 Maintain the privacy, dignity, safety, security and comfort of individuals while using equipment for transfer and positioning
	4.4 Identify the effects of premedication and anaesthesia on the ability of individuals to move independently
	4.5 Use verbal and non-verbal skills to support individuals, closely observing and reporting any changes in condition to the appropriate team member
	4.6 Transfer the individual and their associated documentation over to the appropriate member of staff in the perioperative environment
	4.7 Return equipment to the correct location in good working order

Additional information about the unit
Exemplification of terms used in assessment criteria: Appropriate person may include registered practitioners or other colleagues. Standard precautions are the precautions considered sufficient to reduce the risk of harm or injury by transmission of pathogens.