

Unit 112: Measure and Record Individuals' Body Fluid Balance in a Perioperative Environment

Level:	3
Unit type:	Optional
Credit value:	4
Guided learning hours:	23

Unit Aim

This unit is aimed at those who work within the perioperative environment to measure, record and review individual's fluid balance. This unit provides an opportunity to develop understanding of the procedures which underpin measuring an individual's fluid balance, and the importance of doing so.

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 2 and 3 must come from real work activities.

Learning outcomes The learner will:	Assessment criteria The learner can:
1 Understand safe procedures relating to measuring and recording individuals' fluid balance in a perioperative environment	1.1 Describe the purposes of measuring an individual's fluid balance and wound drainage
	1.2 Describe factors that affect fluid input, output and wound drainage
	1.3 Explain potential hazards associated with measuring an individual's body fluids and wound drainage
	1.4 Describe adverse circumstances related to measuring and recording an individual's fluid balance that would require immediate reporting
	1.5 Describe organisational policies and procedures on correct disposal of single use equipment and other hazardous waste

Learning outcomes The learner will:	Assessment criteria The learner can:
	1.6 Identify equipment used for measuring fluid balance and wound drainage
	1.7 Explain the organisational policies and procedures for reporting and recording faulty equipment
	1.8 Explain why it is important to work within own sphere of competence
2 Be able to measure, record and review an individual's body fluid balance in a perioperative environment	2.1 Confirm the individual's identity and gain valid consent
	2.2 Apply standard precautions for infection control
	2.3 Implement health and safety measures relevant to recording an individual's body fluid balance when carrying out this task
	2.4 Measure the individual's fluid input, output and wound drainage using equipment in line with local policy and protocol
	2.5 Record the individual's body fluid balance in line with local policy and protocol
	2.6 Identify the difference between body fluid and other fluids
	2.7 Review fluid balance measurements in line with local policy and protocol
	2.8 Explain why it is necessary to report any problems in measuring or recording the individual's fluid balance in line with local policy and protocol
	2.9 Report results in line with local policy and protocol
3 Be able to manage equipment after measuring an individual's body fluid balance	3.1 Clean reusable equipment after use using the correct materials in line with local policy and protocols
	3.2 Return equipment to the storage or collection location

Additional information about the unit
Exemplification of terms used in assessment criteria:
Standard precautions are the precautions considered sufficient to reduce the risk of harm or injury by transmission of pathogens.