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Trainer Information

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Ear Irrigation & Instrumentation Training

Date: 21st May 2024
Times: 0930-1630 (0915 registration)
Venue: Priors Road Medical Centre, Swindon, SN3 2EZ
Places available: 10

This workshop is for a **mixed cohort** as follows: Experienced Healthcare Assistants, Nurses, Paramedics, Audiologists & Associate Practitioners who wish to learn how to perform Otoscopy, Ear Irrigation and Instrumentation.

See relevant section for course information and costings, according to role.

Pre-Course Requirements:

- Identify a suitable **Clinical Supervisor** in practice to support completion of a **Clinical Skills Workbook** and support ongoing learning. *It is recommended that the Clinical Supervisor should have attended an Update in Ear Irrigation within the last 2 years.*
- **Candidates should bring an Otoscope to the session**

Agenda

- Introduction and Aims of the day.
- Anatomy and Physiology of the Outer, Middle and Inner Ear relating this to Wax removal and Ear Irrigation
- Otoscopy – Demonstration and practice
- The Tympanic Membrane – relating this to Perforations
- Slides of Common Ear Conditions
- Equipment and decontamination of equipment
- Consent and Documentation related to Ear Irrigation
- Contraindications to Ear Irrigation
- Practical Sessions: - Otoscopy, Decontamination of Equipment, Demonstration and practice of Ear Irrigation on dummy heads
- Delegation and accountability
- Evaluations and Certificates

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- An understanding of the basic anatomy and physiology of the ear.
- An understanding of the prevention of ear problems, considering the patient holistically.
- A foundation of knowledge on which to base practical Aural Toilet, Wax Instrumentation and Ear Irrigation according to their own level of competence.
- A foundation knowledge of Otoscopy
- An understanding of which equipment to use and decontamination of equipment.
- An understanding of consent and documentation in relation to ear care.
- Contraindications to Ear Irrigation
- The ability to undertake ear care within the boundaries and limits of their professional competence, responsibility and accountability.
- An understanding to complete the competency handbook, consistent with their individual level of skill and knowledge.

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Nurses, Paramedics & Audiologists (on a professional register)

Fee/s: NfP Members £165 / Non-Members £210

→ Will be required to complete a Clinical Skills Workbook with the support of a Clinical Supervisor back at Practice.

Experienced Health Care Assistants, other HCSWs & Associate Practitioners (not on a professional register)

Fee/s: NfP Members £225 / Non-Members £270

→ Will be required to complete a Clinical Skills Workbook with the support of a Clinical Supervisor back at Practice.

→ Will be required to complete a Work Book & Competency Book (provided) and these must be completed and returned to Joanna Green for marking within 3 months from the date of training. Certificates will be issued upon successful completion of the Workbooks (pass mark is 80%).

Ear Irrigation is an extended role for the HCSW and is a delegated task, therefore to enable safe practice:-

The patient has to be assessed by a GP/PN prior to delegating this task and documented there are no contraindications to irrigation.

The patient has to have had ear irrigation performed before without complications and must be over the aged of 16

These parameters have been advised by the RCN and MDU and continue after successful completion of the course, not just during training. Practice insurers will require notification of this extended role.

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