

Practice Based Assessment For Venesection

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| Name | |
| Place of work | |
| Name of Assessor | |
| Date Venesection training completed | |

Training and Assessment of Competence

In order to practice peripheral venesection independently registered practitioners must undergo the following training and practice based assessment.

A. Novice Practitioners:

1. Practitioners who would like to undertake venesection as a new skill must:
 - a. Be up to date with their mandatory training as per all 10 elements of the core skills framework
 - b. Have completed the Aseptic Non-touch Technique (ANTT) e-learning programme or attended an ANTT training session
 - c. Has been trained and assessed as competent in peripheral venepuncture
 - d. Must be up to date with BLS training
2. Practitioners cannot practice venesection with patients until they have been assessed as competent on a manikin arm on two occasions.
3. Once competent on the manikin arm the practitioner may practice the skill on patients under the close supervision of their assessor or a supervisor i.e. a practitioner who is experienced in venesection (practice supervisors and assessors need to be identified by the directorate's IV access lead).
4. All practice venesections must be documented on the assessment log.
5. Assessment of skill and knowledge will then be undertaken by an appropriately trained assessor in the usual workplace of the individual being assessed.
6. The practitioner must complete all competencies and be assessed as competent in venesection on a minimum of 5 occasions.
7. **This assessment framework must be completed within 3 months of your training on the manikin.**

B. Your Assessor:

Your manager will need to allocate you an Assessor to assess your competence.

Assessors must be registered practitioners who:

1. Have experience of venesection
2. Be a trained and experienced mentor or have a teaching and assessing qualification (e.g. UHB Assessor training, Teaching and Assessing Module or PGCE)

Practice Learning Outcomes. Knowledge Assessment:

| A. Underpinning Knowledge: the practitioner will be able to: | | Assessor initials | Please date when achieved |
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| 1.1 | Explain the key principles of professional accountability and how this relates to peripheral venous cannula (PVC) insertion | | |
| 1.2 | Discuss which National and UHB policies, procedures and guidelines are related to venesection and how they will ensure that their practice is compliant with these. | | |
| 1.3 | Outline what is meant by 'informed consent' and how this is obtained prior to procedure | | |
| 1.4 | Explain the correct process for confirming patient ID before commencing the process | | |
| 1.5 | a. Identify the position of accessible veins on an arm (real / manikin) b. Explain the rationale for use for each vein identified and any potential disadvantages of using these veins | | |
| 1.6 | State at least 6 occasions when you would assess a limb as being unsuitable for venesection, giving a rationale for your assessment in each case. | | |
| 1.7 | Discuss how to prepare the patient prior to the procedure | | |
| 1.8 | Summarise the equipment necessary for the procedure | | |
| 1.9 | Describe 5 methods for improving venous access and how each method improves access | | |
| 1.10 | Explain the key principles of Aseptic Non-touch Technique | | |
| 1.11 | Discuss the signs and symptoms of phlebitis | | |
| 1.12 | Discuss the following risks associated with venesection, the signs that each have occurred and the actions required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Puncture of an artery ▪ A nerve has been hit ▪ Haematoma | | |

Assessment Log

| Date of Assessment | Manikin | Manikin | | | | | | | |
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| Correctly assesses that venesection is required | | | | | | | | | |
| Confirms patient ID, explains procedure to patient and seeks their consent Demonstrates good communication skills throughout | | | | | | | | | |
| Prepares required equipment correctly (decontaminates, checks packaging and dates) | | | | | | | | | |
| Prepares patient correctly - comfortable position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has patient had previous venesections? • Diet and Fluids? • Have they had a recent FBC? • Does the patient require blood sampling? • Is the patient fit for the procedure? | | | | | | | | | |
| Is aware of health and safety: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performs the procedure on a bed/couch • Can name required PPE • Can explain how to dispose equipment safely | | | | | | | | | |
| Chooses appropriate vein and uses tourniquet correctly to prepare vein for procedure Aware of two attempts maximum | | | | | | | | | |
| Demonstrates correct procedure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleans site with 1.5ml Chloraprep applicator in crosshatch method and leaves to dry • Inserts venesection needle and secures safely | | | | | | | | | |

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| Ensures close visual monitoring of the patient: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observes for signs of hypovolaemia (light headedness, dizziness etc) • Stops the procedure if the patient is unwell and call for assistance | | | | | | | | | |
| Obtains the correct volume of blood for the procedure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is aware what to do if unable to obtain full volume | | | | | | | | | |
| Once procedure is completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes tourniquet and needle • Assesses site and applies appropriate dressing | | | | | | | | | |
| Advises patient of any follow up care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures patient has information booklet and contact details | | | | | | | | | |
| Records information correctly in patient's documentation, including any adverse events | | | | | | | | | |
| Assessor signature | | | | | | | | | |
| Assessor feedback | | | | | | | | | |

Peripheral Adult Venesection Final Notification of Competence

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| Name of Practitioner | |
| Clinical Area | |
| Hospital Location | |
| Directorate | |
| Clinical Board | |

The above candidate has demonstrated the practical skill of adult venesection in accordance with the identified assessment criteria and local and national guidance and standards.

I agree and support the above statement, and can confirm the following:

1. The above candidate competently performed venesection on a prosthetic arm twice prior to attempting venesection of a patient
2. The above candidate has undertaken a minimum of five supervised venesections before being deemed competent

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| Date attended training | |
| Assessors Name (Please Print) | |
| Candidates Name (Please Print) | |
| Date Signed (Assessor) | |
| Date Signed (Candidate) | |

NB: You are able to practice this skill independently as soon as your assessor has signed this notification of practice to confirm you are competent

You now have a personal responsibility to maintain this level of competence and continue to be a safe practitioner and complete an update once every 2 years.

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| <p>You must now send a copy of this programme of learning to your Practice Development Nurse (PDN)</p> |
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