



ONLINE TRAINING AND COMPETENCY TOOL FOR SAFE PATIENT HANDLING

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The moving, positioning and transfer of patients includes some of the riskiest tasks in the health care industry, contributing to musculo skeletal injuries for staff and skin tears, bruising and other injuries for patients. O'Shea & Associates have been involved in developing safe patient handling procedures for the acute, aged care and disability services since 1996 and these procedures are used in more than 400 health care facilities throughout Australia, New Zealand and the US.

Prior to your first Professional Experience Placement you are required to complete the ONLINE Training and Competency Tool for SAFE PATIENT HANDLING.

You must email O'Shea & Associates to arrange your access to this program

The course is in two parts:

- Training
- Competency.

The competency component consists of a 20 multiple choice assessment questions based on the generic O'Shea safe patient handling procedures such as repositioning the patient on the bed and transferring the patient from bed to chair to bed, chair to chair, on and off trolleys and off the floor following a fall.

The training component is made up of 5 modules.

The first module is on patient risk assessment; what it means and how to assess the patient's ability to assist during the transfer using objective criteria. The next four (4) modules deal with the people handling procedures – On Bed Able to Assist, Off Bed Able to Assist, On Bed Not Able to Assist, Off Bed Not Able to assist. These modules all commence with a quiz which assists students to check their progress or refresh on particular tasks.

1. Students can come and go in and out of the course, depending on time commitments but must complete all modules and the competency assessment
2. The procedures comply with the WorkSafe Victoria Transferring People Safely 2009
3. The program is Accredited by the Royal College of Nursing Australia for continuing nurse education points
4. Case study format where the patient is introduced, assessed, then the student is taken step by step through the procedure which includes use of all equipment such as sling hoist, stand hoist, slide sheets, leg lifters and bed mechanics
5. Complies with national and state health and safety legislation
6. Certificate provided on successful completion that must be viewed by the SAP team at 200 Berkeley Street prior to your attendance at placement.