A 2-day Course in Irrigation & Instrumentation for Healthcare Assistants and other support workers and their mentors

PHILOSOPHY

The role of the Healthcare Assistant in primary care may involve providing basic ear care, including irrigation

This course is designed to ensure that those Assistants who are expected to irrigate are able to do so confidently and safely

The course provides knowledge and practical guidance, which, together with mentorship in situ, should enable Healthcare Assistants/ Support workers to fulfil their extended role

Please note – following the course the student will require practical supervision by a suitable mentor who has received training in ear care. The mentor must be identified, and approved, prior to commencing the course and must attend the first day of this course

COURSE CONTENT

The course consists of two taught days, followed by three months of practical experience

During this time, a mentor is required to provide support and supervision in order to complete a programme of clinical competence

Participants will be expected to have studied a pre-course pack on basic anatomy and physiology, prior to starting the course

DAY 1

Students and their mentors will study the first part of Day 1 together

9.00 am	Registration
9.30 am	Introduction to the components of the Course
10.30 am	Coffee/Tea
10.45 am	Anatomy and Physiology
12.30 pm	Lunch
1.15 pm	Introduction to otoscopy and the video otoscope
2.00 pm	Theory of irrigation and demonstration + practice on a dummy head
3.00 pm	Coffee/Tea
3.15 pm	Documentation
3.45 pm	Delegation & accountability
4.30 pm	Close

DAY 2   **Healthcare Assistants /support workers only**

9.30 am	Recap
10.30 am	Practical decontamination of equipment & practice of irrigation
11.15 am	Coffee/Tea
11.30 am	Written assessment
12.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm	Practical irrigation on a dummy head
2.00 pm	Results of written assessment and individual oral discussion
3.30 pm	Conclusion and Evaluation
4.00 pm	Close

Healthcare Assistants/ support workers are required to pass a written assessment and oral discussion

Following the course, in addition to the period of supervision by their mentor, the student is also required to write a case study involving irrigation and complete a programme of clinical competence

Please note should there be insufficient numbers of students, Study Days will be cancelled and either an alternative date offered or a full refund made. A minimum of 10 days notice will be given. If, for any reason, you are forced to cancel your booking, a minimum of 10 days notice is required, or loss of part of the course fee will result

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LEARNING OUTCOMES

Participants will have:-

a.   an understanding of the basic anatomy and physiology of the ear

b.   an understanding of basic ear care

c.   a foundation of knowledge on which to base practical ear irrigation

d.   a foundation knowledge of otoscopy

e.   reflected on accountability and documentation

f.   an understanding that, during and following completion of the Course, they will undertake ear irrigation within appropriately delegated, monitored and supervised conditions and within the limits of their knowledge, skill and competence

g.   an understanding that, following the Course, ear irrigation will continue to be undertaken in accordance with the Ear Care Guidelines

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