

Ear Microsuction for Healthcare Assistants and other support workers working in Primary Care and their mentors

PHILOSOPHY

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

This course is designed to ensure that those Assistants who are expected to carry out the procedure 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/ Assistant Practitioners 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

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

COURSE CONTENT

The course consists of two taught days, followed by three months of practical experience, during which a mentor is required to provide support and supervision for the student in order to complete a programme of clinical competence

Subjects covered include:

Microsuction and management of excessive ear wax

Removal of discharge, keratin or debris from the EAM or mastoid cavity

Removal of excessive wax in patients who are unable to have ear irrigation or instrumentation

Removal of hygroscopic foreign bodies

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Participants will have:-

- an understanding of the basic anatomy and physiology of the ear
- an understanding of basic ear care
- a foundation of knowledge on which to base practical ear microsuction including otoscopy
- reflected on accountability and documentation
- an understanding that, during and following completion of the Course, they will undertake ear microsuction within appropriately delegated, monitored and supervised conditions

and within the limits of their knowledge, skill and competence

- an understanding that, following the Course, ear microsuction will continue to be undertaken in accordance with the Ear Care Guidelines

DAY 1

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| 9.30 am | Registration and Introduction to the Course |
| 9.45 am | Anatomy and Physiology of the Ear |
| 10.30 am | Coffee/Tea |
| 10.45 am | Otoscopy |
| 11.15 am | Perforations, Cholesteatomas and other Ear Conditions |
| 12.00 pm | Management of Excessive Earwax and Contraindications to Microsuction |
| 12.45 pm | Lunch |
| 1.30 pm | Introduction to the Microscope and Suction Machine: Basic Checks, Cleaning and Maintenance |
| 2.30pm | Practical Skills Session with Microscope |
| 4pm | Close |

DAY 2

- 9.30 am Recap of Previous Day,
including a Q & A session
- 10.00 am Delegation and
Accountability
- 10.30 am Coffee/Tea
- 11.00 am Written Assessment
- 12.00 Practical Microsuction
Experience and 1:1
Assessments
- 1.00 pm Lunch
- 2.00 pm Practical Microsuction
Experience and 1:1
Assessments continued
- 3.30 pm Feedback from Written
Assessments
- 4.00pm Close

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

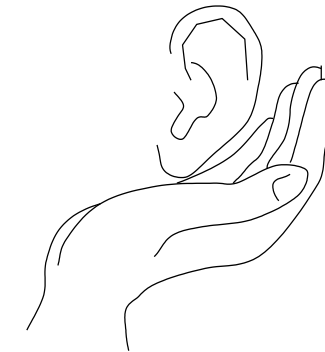
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Please note should there be an insufficient number of students, Courses may be cancelled and either an alternative date offered or a full refund made. A minimum of 10 days' notice will be given. If, for any reason, you are forced to cancel your booking,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

A two day course in ear
microsuction