

COMMUNITY CARE SKILLS STANDARDS FRAMEWORK FOR SUPPORT CARE ROLES

Skills Domain	Clinical Care
Skills Category	Tube Feeding
Skills Standard Title	Perform Tube Feeding for Client
Skills Standard Descriptor	Support client by performing a safe tube feeding process
Skills Proficiency Level	Level 1 <i>Previously 'Basic II' under CCSSF</i>
Source Code	CCSSF-CC-TF-2001-1
Knowledge <i>This refers to the gathering and cognitive processing of facts and information required to perform work tasks and activities.</i>	Underpinning Knowledge: • Communication with client, which may include: ○ Greeting ○ Having conversations ○ Checking on client readiness ○ Creating small talk ○ Acquiring information ○ Checking history (e.g. past events, actions, etc.) • Need to provide nutrients to clients who are unable to ingest orally, which may include: ○ Unconscious clients ○ Neuromuscular swallowing disorder ○ Upper gastro intestinal obstruction ○ GI Dysfunction or malabsorbtion • Types of tube feeding, which may include (not limited to): ○ Gastrostomy tube ○ Nasogastric tube ○ Nasojejunal feeding tube ○ Bolus feeding • Preparation of requisites, which may include (not limited to): ○ Checking of pump • Positioning of client, which may include (not limited to): ○ Timing ○ Positioning angle • Requisites for performing tube feeding, which may include (not limited to): ○ Feeding tray ○ Kidney dish ○ Syringes

	• Indicators of gastric residual amounts that suggest remains of foods • Complications of performing tube feeding, which may include: ○ Leakage from site ○ Dehydration ○ Diarrhoea ○ Pneumonia • Organisational policies in relation to: ○ Interpreting information on doctor's order on tube feeding ○ Preparing requisites for tube feeding ○ Preparing for tube feeding ○ Communicating with client ○ Performing tube feeding ○ Reinstating environment and all items used ○ Documenting updates • Standard precautions, which may include (not limited to): ○ Use of personal protective equipment ○ Hygiene practices ○ Handling clients with infection ○ Outbreak ○ Hand hygiene • Relevant legal and/or industrial requirements in relation to support care functions, which may include: ○ Implementation Guide to Guidelines for Home Care (Agency for Integrated Care, Singapore) ○ Implementation Guide to Guidelines for Centre-Based Care (Agency for Integrated Care, Singapore) ○ Workplace Safety and Health Guidelines (Workplace Safety and Health Council) ○ National Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines for Long-Term Care Facilities (Ministry of Health)
Ability <i>This refers to the ability to perform the work tasks and activities required of the occupation, and the ability to react to and manage the changes at work.</i>	The ability to: • Communicate with client in relation to tube feeding in accordance with organisational procedures • Interpret documented information for tube feeding in accordance with organisational policies and procedures • Assess client's general status and readiness for tube feeding • Prepare requisites for tube feeding in accordance with organisational procedures • Prepare for tube feeding in accordance with organisational policies and procedures • Perform tube feeding in accordance with organisational procedures

	• Position client for conducive tube feeding • Reinstate environment and all items used in accordance with organisational procedures • Document updates in accordance with organisational policies and procedures
Person Centred Care <i>This refers to having a person centred care mindset to drive the caregiver to respect and recognise the decisions/choices of the person they are taking care of.</i>	Underlying principles: • Treating clients with dignity and respect by being aware of and supporting personal perspectives, values, beliefs, culture and preferences; respecting their privacy while encouraging independence of the individual; and listening to each other and working in partnership to design and deliver services
Performance Outcome <i>This refers to the outcome of the task on the care recipient as indication of workplace success</i>	The support care staff is able to: • Perform tube feeding without any pain, trauma or injury to client • Practise infection control in accordance with National Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines • Complete reports / documents in accordance to legal requirements, organisational policies and procedures