

**Specification of Competency Standards**  
**for the Elderly Care Service Industry**  
**Unit of Competency**

Functional Area - Clinical Care

Title	Remind the Elderly Persons to Use Medicinal Patches
Code	110783L3
Range	This Unit of Competency is applicable to practitioners who provide community care services in the elderly care service industry. The application requires performing a broad range of tasks in familiar and some unfamiliar working environments, and its execution requires analytical skills. Practitioners should be able to safely and accurately remind the elderly persons to use medicinal patches according to the organization's procedures and guidelines.
Level	3
Credit	2 (For Reference Only)
Competency	<p>Performance Requirements</p> <p>1. Relevant knowledge on medicinal patches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the organization's procedures and guidelines for reminding the elderly persons to use medicinal patches</li> <li>• Understand the basic pharmacology, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Medicinal patch types and effects</li> <li>○ Side effects</li> <li>○ General dosage and route of administration</li> <li>○ Expected effects, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Understand the methods of keeping, storing and managing medicinal patches</li> <li>• Understand the units, measurement and calculation methods of various medication dosages</li> <li>• Understand the doctor's prescription and the abbreviations used, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Medication name</li> <li>○ Dosage, frequency</li> <li>○ Application method, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Understand the methods to use medicinal patches</li> <li>• Understand the nursing procedures before and after using medicinal patches</li> <li>• Understand the possible side effects on the skin after the elderly persons use medicinal patches</li> <li>• Understand the documentation skills for the use of medicinal patches in the elderly</li> </ul> <p>2. Remind the elderly persons to use medicinal patches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to the elderly's medicinal patch records and precautions</li> <li>• Explain to the elderly persons the possible reactions after using medicinal patches</li> <li>• Monitor the elderly's use of the same type of medicinal patch in other areas to ensure they do not overdose</li> <li>• Remind the elderly persons of the correct use of medicinal patches, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Do not crease, fold or trim the patch</li> <li>○ Do not apply to inappropriate areas, such as: areas with poor blood circulation or damaged skin</li> <li>○ Use and replace the patch according to the time prescribed by the doctor</li> <li>○ Stabilize the medicinal patch, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Assist the elderly persons to appropriately perform the nursing procedures before and after using medicinal patches, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Appropriately clean the elderly's skin after removing the patch to prevent residual medication or glue from staying on their skin</li> <li>○ Keep the skin fresh before and after applying the patch to avoid oily skin</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitor the skin conditions after using the medicinal patches, when the elderly is found to be in discomfort, such as: itching, damaged skin, rash, swelling, pain, scalds, etc., appropriately handle the condition according to the severity, and immediately report to medical professionals</li> <li>○ Apply medicinal patches at alternate locations on the skin, etc.</li> <li>● Appropriately record the medicinal patches, processes and effects that the elderly persons were reminded of</li> <li>● Pay attention to and remind the elderly persons to check the quantity of medicinal patches to avoid overdose</li> </ul> <p>3. Exhibit professionalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Accurately and safely remind the elderly persons to use medicinal patches according to the doctor's prescription</li> <li>● Attend to the elderly's skin conditions before and after applying medicinal patches</li> <li>● Observe the elderly's use of medications, appropriately handle, report and record any issues that arise</li> </ul>
Assessment Criteria	<p>The integrated outcome requirements of this Unit of Competency are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Able to safely and accurately remind the elderly persons to use medicinal patches according to the organization's guidelines and the doctor's prescription; and</li> <li>● Able to monitor the adverse reactions of the medicinal patches in the elderly persons, and immediately report to medical professionals, to ensure the safety of the elderly persons while using their medicinal patches.</li> </ul>
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