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Instructor Newsletter

D&S Diversified Technologies



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Changes to Testing Effective March 1, 2013

Ambulation with a Gait Belt

- The gait belt is no longer optional. **Correct use of the gait belt is now REQUIRED.**

Bedpan and Output

- The candidate must identify that their hands are to be washed after removing the gloves, as well as at the beginning and ending of the skill. **The total number of times to identify the hands are being washed during this skill is 3.**

Denture Care

- Places **protective lining in the sink basin** (hand towel or wash cloth) to help prevent damage to the dentures.
- Places dentures in **rinsed** cup.

Feeding the Dependant Resident

- **Sits down in a chair facing the resident while feeding resident.** (key step)

Mouth Care

- Candidate puts on gloves after gathering supplies and preparing the area.

Mouth Care Comatose Resident

- Candidate puts on gloves after gathering supplies and preparing area.
- Cleans, dries mouth area.

Peri Care of a Female Resident

- Please review the entire skill.

Stand, Pivot and Transfer – With a Gait Belt **(NO LONGER OPTIONAL)**

- The gait belt is no longer optional. **Correct use of the gait belt is now REQUIRED.**

New Dementia Training Module – From Wanda King

CMS has developed a toolkit entitled: “Hand in Hand: A Training Series for Nursing Homes”. We understand that this kit has been provided to all nursing home administrators. The focus of this training is on person-centered care. The purpose is to enable facilities to continuously improve dementia care and abuse prevention. The training is targeted to nurse aides. Please see your administrator for your copy or access <http://www.cms-handinhandtoolkit.info/Index.aspx> to download the training modules.

Instructor Responsibilities During Clinical Hours – From Wanda King



Rules of the Tennessee Department of Health, Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities, Chapter 1200-8-6.15(2) (d), Standards for Nursing Homes states, “. . .a program instructor must be present or readily available on-site during all clinical training hours including direct patient care for the seventy-five (75) hour training program.” Failure to ensure that a program instructor is on-site could result in loss of training program approval.



TDH Funding Requirements – From Wanda King

The State **ONLY** pays for testing for candidates who are employees of the facility. Facilities are required to verify employment for D&S as requested.

The new version of the handbook has been available for print on our website since 2/13/13. If you need copies please complete the book order request form on our website or call us to request them.

Notes from D&S Diversified

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Tennessee Department of Health and the Long Term Care Community for allowing us to remain your testing vendor for the next 5 years. Thank you for all of your hard work and commitment to making the testing process as simple as possible.

Please make sure that you are watching the website on a regular basis for any new updates or important news. We also post the newsletters on the website so that you have immediate access to them. The newsletters are no longer being mailed because instructors were not receiving them.

We are looking for test sites in the following locations: Chattanooga, Knoxville, Johnson City, Memphis, and Northwest TN. As well, we would like to convert as many existing test sites to electronic testing locations. If you have computers that are accessible for testing please call our office so that we can help you make the transition. If testing at your location is held on computers your candidates will receive their test results within 1 business day, instead of 3 to 5 business days for testing that is held with paper testing.

Thank you!

The D&S Diversified Technologies TN team

