

Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation

This lesson covers the definitions, signs, and symptoms of abuse, neglect, and exploitation, the behaviors and characteristics of the abused and of an abuser, and ways to protect patients and understand the obligation to report suspected abuse.

AIDS in the Workplace

HIV and AIDS present serious risks for medical personnel. In this lesson you will learn the facts and myths about HIV, ways to manage the risk of infection, fair employment practices related to HIV-infected employees, and how to appropriately interact with patients and coworkers with HIV and AIDS.

Back Care/Ergonomics

Back injuries, often from poor lifting techniques, are the most common type of occupational injury. In this lesson you will learn about muscle injury caused by repetitive stress, ways to minimize accidents and injuries and tips on how to arrange your work station to avoid ergonomic injuries.

Bloodborne Pathogens for Healthcare Workers

Healthcare workers are at high risk for exposure to bloodborne pathogens. This lesson covers the OSHA requirements for minimizing your exposure to bloodborne pathogens through the use of Standard Precautions such as protective clothing and equipment, the appropriate handling of sharps, and the disposal of potentially infectious waste.

Bloodborne Pathogens for Supervisors

Due to the nature of the work, healthcare industry workplaces have a high percentage of personnel who are considered "at risk" for exposure to bloodborne pathogens. Injuries with needles or other sharp devices are the most frequent cause of bloodborne infections in healthcare settings. . In this lesson, you will learn how to prevent and manage bloodborne pathogen exposure risks for healthcare personnel in your facility.

Electrical Safety

Electrical accidents can involve enough current to shock or even kill you. This lesson provides a basic understanding of electricity, how to identify electrical hazards in the workplace, safe work practices, safety tips to reduce your potential for electric shock, and how to respond to an emergency situation involving electricity.

Fire Safety and Patient Evacuation

Fire in a healthcare facility places the lives of staff and patients in great danger. This lesson covers the precautions to take to prevent fires, how to protect yourself, other staff, and patients from fire and smoke, how to respond in a fire emergency, and how to use a portable fire extinguisher.

Hazard Communication

Most chemicals used in healthcare facilities have some hazard potential. In this lesson you will learn the procedures for using chemicals safely, where to get the information you need, how to recognize and prevent exposure, and how to respond to a chemical accident.

Latex Allergy

Many healthcare workers are at high risk for developing latex allergies because of their frequent use of latex gloves. This lesson explains the dangers posed by latex, the signs and symptoms of possible latex allergy, ways to manage the risk of exposure, and how to respond to a severe reaction to latex.

Lifting and Transferring Patients

Healthcare workers face a high risk of occupational injuries due to frequent lifting and transferring of patients. By using correct methods for lifting and transferring patients, healthcare workers can ensure safety for themselves and for their patients. In this lesson you will learn about the risks involved in lifting and transferring patients, how to plan the movement of patients, and proper techniques for executing common lifts and transfers.

Patient Rights

Patients in medical facilities have rights that are protected by state and federal laws. This lesson explains key elements of patient rights and prepares healthcare workers to meet accreditation standards set forth by the Joint Commission.

Personal Protective Equipment

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is not a luxury, nor an optional convenience. PPE provides a barrier against physical, chemical, radiological, and biological hazards for healthcare staff. This lesson covers the types of PPE used in the healthcare industry, its requirements and limitations, and how to properly maintain and dispose of contaminated PPE.

Restraint and Seclusion

This lesson describes the legal requirements for the use of restraints and seclusion and defines these terms. It covers the different types of restraints and standards for their use, including patients' rights, orders, application of restraints, monitoring, and documentation. The lesson also covers the safe use of restraints as well as alternatives to using restraints and seclusion.

Security and Workplace Violence

More assaults occur in the healthcare and social service industries than in any other! In this lesson, you will learn why the healthcare environment is prone to workplace violence, how to recognize violent behavior, and the steps you can take to prevent it. You will also learn how to appropriately handle a violent event, and what to do after an incident takes place.

TB Protection for Healthcare Workers

Every effort should be made to protect healthcare workers against the hazards of tuberculosis, TB, infection. This lesson provides awareness training for controlling the spread of TB in healthcare settings.