

DOMAIN 2: ASSESSMENT AND INVESTIGATIONS

COMPETENCE: DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF DIFFERENT VULVAL CONDITIONS AND APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATIONS

Level	Competence	Standard indicators	Evidence or descriptors of learning & development	Knowledge Skills Framework
1	Demonstrates awareness of how to assess a patient with a vulval condition and associated investigations	<p>Awareness of holistic patient consultation including full history and sexual history.</p> <p>Awareness of need for patient consent</p> <p>Awareness of additional communication needs of patient, e.g. language, sensory, cognitive</p> <p>Awareness of how to perform a skin vulval examination</p> <p>Awareness of relevant questions to form concise, holistic patient history</p> <p>Awareness of the relevant elements of a vulval assessment: Symptoms Impact on urinary and sexual function Incontinence Vaginal discharge/dryness Current treatments including over the counter Frequency of treatment application if topical Use of emollients</p> <p>Awareness of treatment pathways, patient response and need to determine changes in symptoms identifying improvement or deterioration</p> <p>Has awareness of the different investigations and any associated adverse effects</p> <p>Awareness of individual's risk factors</p> <p>Aware of risks associated with different vulval conditions i.e. malignancy, change of vulva architecture, physical and psychological impact</p>	<p>Education or working towards degree.</p> <p>Clinical portfolio/*learning contracts necessary for speciality</p> <p>Mentorship</p> <p>Reflective practice</p> <p>Research/audit development</p> <p>Record keeping</p> <p>Health education</p> <p>Analysis of learning</p> <p>Communication skills</p> <p>Personal development plans</p> <p>Attendance at relevant external education/events/courses</p> <p>Witness testimony</p> <p>**DOPS</p> <p>**Mini-CEX</p> <p>**CbD</p> <p>*See example of learning contract Appendix 7</p> <p>**See Appendix 1- 3</p>	<p>HWB6 level2</p> <p>HWB7 level 2</p> <p>C1 level 2</p> <p>C3 level2</p>

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1	continued ...	<p>Effective management of specimens</p> <p>Privacy and dignity of patients</p> <p>Ensures informed consent</p> <p>Documentation</p> <p>Local and National Guidelines</p> <p>Equality and Diversity</p> <p>Health Promotion</p>		
2	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of assessment of vulval conditions and appropriate investigations	<p>Demonstrates understanding of holistic patient assessment</p> <p>Understands the elements of relevant patient history taking</p> <p>Demonstrates knowledge of how to perform a vulval skin examination to determine signs and symptoms of a vulval condition</p> <p>Recognises and can outline main symptoms and morphology of different vulval conditions</p> <p>Recognises individual risk factors in relation to vulval condition and potential investigations</p> <p>Can recognise specific key clinical features of different vulval conditions</p> <p>Can demonstrate importance of supporting patients undergoing vulval examination and investigations</p> <p>Can interpret results and assist with supervision if needed in planning subsequent treatment</p>	<p>Education or working towards degree.</p> <p>Clinical portfolio/learning contracts necessary for speciality</p> <p>Mentorship</p> <p>Reflective practice</p> <p>Research/audit development</p> <p>Record keeping</p> <p>Health education</p> <p>Analysis of learning</p> <p>Communication skills</p> <p>Personal development plans</p> <p>Attendance at relevant external education/events/courses</p> <p>Witness testimony</p> <p>DOPS, Mini-CEX and CbD</p>	<p>HWB6 level 3</p> <p>HWB7 level 3</p> <p>C1 level 3</p> <p>C3 level 3</p>

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2	continued ...	<p>Can identify common investigations required for diagnostic and prognostic indicators in the management of vulval conditions as follows:</p> <p>Histology Punch biopsy Shave biopsy Incisional biopsy Curettage and cautery</p> <p>Haematological Testing FBC, ANA, TFT, Ferritin, Glucose, HIV</p> <p>Microbiology Bacteriology, virology, mycology</p> <p>Patch testing</p> <p>Medical photography Lesions – pre surgery/biopsy Monitoring of condition</p> <p>Recognises the importance of advising and giving the patient/carer supporting information or signposting patient to further resources to aid their understanding of diagnosis and minimise adverse effects</p> <p>Refers to other healthcare professionals</p>		

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3	Has a comprehensive knowledge of assessment of different vulval conditions and appropriate investigations. Is able to interpret the results and initiate subsequent treatment	<p>Undertakes holistic patient consultation, including full history, sexual history and or review depending on vulval condition and patient's pathway</p> <p>Demonstrates a comprehensive knowledge of different vulval conditions and can carry out appropriate patient consultation/examination and required assessment to instigate or facilitate relevant investigations.</p> <p>Can identify and have comprehensive knowledge of individual risk factors related to vulval conditions and pertaining to possible risks associated with necessary investigations</p> <p>Plan patient care, treatment plan and follow up where appropriate</p> <p>Can support patients effectively through investigations</p> <p>Will document consultation accurately and chronologically including investigations requested, planned follow up and will act on results</p> <p>Has critical diagnostic skills that can determine a patient's progress with recognition of improvement or deterioration.</p> <p>Has ability to perform simple investigations to aid management, swabs, biopsy, blood chemistry</p>	<p>Education or working towards degree</p> <p>Patient care</p> <p>Clinical portfolio/learning contracts necessary for speciality</p> <p>Mentorship</p> <p>Reflective practice</p> <p>Analysis of learning</p> <p>Communication skills</p> <p>Advanced communication skills</p> <p>Personal development plans to include:</p> <p>Research/audit</p> <p>Record keeping</p> <p>Health education</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Publication</p> <p>Medicine management</p> <p>Psychosexual skills</p> <p>Non medical prescriber</p> <p>Attendance at relevant a recognised external education/ events/courses</p> <p>Witness testimony</p> <p>DOPS</p> <p>Mini-CEX</p> <p>CbD</p>	<p>HWB7 level 3-4</p> <p>HWB6 level 3-4</p> <p>C1 level 3-4</p> <p>C3 level 3-4</p>

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3	continued ...	<p>Communicates/interprets results and progress to relevant members of the multidisciplinary team/patient</p> <p>Be able to prescribe as a non medical prescriber or via patient group directive.</p> <p>Can determine differential diagnosis and either consult with supervisor or autonomously manage change in patient treatment</p> <p>Demonstrates ability to make clinical decisions on patient treatments and/or when to refer for opinion of multidisciplinary team e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspicious lesions with evolving history potential malignancy, VIN, psychosexual problems, poor treatment response, uncertain or differential diagnosis, patient requests consultant/doctor opinion, complex history/comorbidities <p>Can communicate and explain rationale for investigations and potential risks and outcomes</p> <p>Demonstrates ability to perform thorough vulval examination</p> <p>Demonstrates adherence to appropriate patient follow up as per local/national guidelines</p> <p>Has critical knowledge, understanding and contributes to evidence based local and national guidelines</p> <p>Educates other healthcare professionals, patients, carers and the wider public</p>		