

PACE Practice Journal Documentation

How to Complete a Practice Journal Entry

1. Assign a brief title.
2. Record the date on which the situation occurred.
3. Summarize the situation.
4. Document the steps you took to manage the situation.

Indicate every element that could have been demonstrated by the situation using the checkboxes. By the end of the assessment period, there must be at least one practice journal linked to every element in the assessment criteria.

Title:

Fragmin Administration

Date:

07/18/2018

Overview of the situation:

I received a call from a cancer patient who had received a delivery from the pharmacy and was quite upset. She had been discharged from the hospital and the pharmacy bag contained a vial of Fragmin 25,000 units/mL with a box of syringes and instructions to inject 0.34mL (8500IU) once daily SC. She hadn't been taught how to inject the Fragmin by drawing up the dose with a needle and syringe, as she was previously injecting 10,000IU SC daily as a preloaded syringe. This patient had lost a significant amount of weight and the new prescription reflected that the dose was to be decreased.

Action taken to resolve the situation:

Knowing that the patient may have difficulty drawing up the correct dose, I decided to ask the patient if they had a nurse who came in on a daily basis. She did have a nurse who changed her dressings. I contacted the nursing agency to see if this was a service that they could provide. They were able to assist but not until Monday and today was Friday. I suggested that the patient and her husband come into the pharmacy if possible so that I could demonstrate how to draw up and inject the dose. The patient agreed and since my injection and first aid training were both up to date, I was able to demonstrate drawing the Fragmin into the syringe and administer it to the patient for the purposes of demonstration. I also reviewed storage and stability with them. After the demonstration, the husband said that he would feel comfortable doing this himself when needed and the patient agreed that this had put her at ease. I called the patient back on Monday and confirmed that her husband had been able to give her the injections over the weekend, and that the home care nurse was going to inject it that day.

Related Elements: *click all that apply*

Patient Care

- 1.1 Develops Patient Relationships
- 1.2 Conducts Patient Assessments
- 1.3 Identification of Drug Therapy Problems
- 1.4 Clinical Decision Making
- 1.5 Implements Care Plans
- 1.6 Refers Patients
- 1.7 Provides Follow-up and Evaluates Care

Communication & Education

- 2.1 Communicates Effectively (Verbal and Non-verbal Skills)
- 2.2 Documents Effectively

Professionalism

- 3.1 Applies Regulations and Ethical Principles in Practice
- 3.2 Demonstrates an Awareness of One's Own Practice Limitations

Professional Collaboration

- 4.1 Demonstrates and Promotes Inter-/Intra-professional Relationships
- 4.2 Fulfills Roles and Responsibilities with Healthcare Team

Practice Management

- 5.1 Prioritizes Patient Care Responsibilities to Manage Workload
- 5.2 Manages Drug Dispensing
- 5.3 Patient Medication Safety

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Comments

This section is used for the assessor to add their own comments about the situation and how they felt the student/intern handled things from their point of view. The assessor should reflect on the 'related elements' which the candidate checked off to ensure that this entry does indeed reflect these competencies. The assessor should also indicate the level of guidance that was required (below).

Level of Guidance Required:

Significant

Some

Minimal