

## Aseptic Technique Competency Assessment Record Audit Tool for General Practice

Name of Assessor: (Print) .....

Name of Practitioner: (Print) .....

Date of Assessment: .....

Job Title: .....

The practitioner should be assessed for their level of competency using the criteria below on appointment and on an annual basis, this should form part of the practitioner's personal development plan/appraisal. A copy of their results should be kept locally for good practice assurance and as evidence for CQC requirements.

### Level of competency:

0. The practitioner is not competent, demonstrating little or no evidence of understanding the principles of asepsis, and/or is unable to apply theory into practice.
1. The practitioner is developing competence, demonstrating some evidence of understanding the principles of asepsis, but further knowledge is required and/or further supervision is required to apply theory into practice.
2. The practitioner is competent, demonstrating in-depth understanding of the principles of asepsis, is able to apply theory into practice without supervision and critically evaluate their practice.

A practitioner that is assessed as level 0 or 1 for any of the competency assessment criteria should be provided with the opportunity to improve their knowledge and skills to achieve level 2 and be re-assessed. The practitioner must achieve level 2 on the date assessed for **all** the competency assessment criteria before a declaration of competence can be made.

	Competency assessment criteria	Level of competency	Comments	Signature of Assessor
1.	Demonstrates understanding of the main sources of infection for patients.			
2.	Demonstrates understanding of the main modes of transmission of infection for patients.			
3.	Demonstrates knowledge of the methods of preventing transmission of infection.			
4.	Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of asepsis and aseptic technique in accordance with local policy on Aseptic Technique.			
5.	Performs an aseptic technique procedure demonstrating that the principles of asepsis are adhered to (using the audit tool for a wound dressing or catheterisation).			
6.	Demonstrates the correct technique for hand decontamination before, during and after an aseptic technique procedure.			
7.	Demonstrates safe disposal of sharps and infectious/offensive waste associated with an aseptic technique procedure.			
8.	Maintains the patient's privacy and dignity throughout the procedure.			
9.	Communicates effectively with the patient.			