

**SKILLS FRAMEWORK FOR HEALTHCARE
TECHNICAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES (TSC) REFERENCE DOCUMENT**

TSC Category	Patient Care					
TSC	Client Assessment for Physiotherapy					
TSC Description	Select and apply assessment methods and tools appropriate for clients and interpret findings					
TSC Proficiency Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
			HCE-PTC-3006-1.1	HCE-PTC-4006-1.1	HCE-PTC-5006-1.1	HCE-PTC-6006-1.1
			<p>Conduct assessment of routine cases independently and seek guidance for assessment of complex and/or novel cases. Articulate new trends and evidence-based practices in client assessments</p>	<p>Conduct assessment of routine and complex cases independently, demonstrating flexibility in selection and modification of assessment methods. Provide guidance to junior therapists where necessary. Assist in the appraisal of new trends and evidence-based practices in client assessments</p>	<p>Evaluate existing assessment practices with reference to new trends and evidence-based practices in client assessments</p>	<p>Identify and evaluate trends in assessment practices in defined client populations. Develop and refine clinical practice guidelines and assessment practices for client groups across organisations based on evidence-based practices. Has oversight of the implementation of new assessment tools or trends</p>
Knowledge			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundamental principles of cardiorespiratory, musculoskeletal and neurological theory and practices Biopsychosocial models World Health Organisation's International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health Framework (WHO ICF framework) Evidence-based physiotherapy assessments Typical presentations in common medical conditions Range of presentations and issues faced in common medical and multiple conditions Informed consent History taking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range of presentations and issues faced in complex medical conditions Transdisciplinary assessment methods and findings Range of evidence-based assessment methods and skills for complex medical conditions Advanced clinical methods and techniques 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specialised clinical methods and techniques Framework of strategic care to ensure cost-effective service delivery Evaluation criteria for new assessment methodologies and tools Impact of new trends and assessment tools to systems in organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methods relating to integration of evidence-based assessment methodologies into existing practices Methods to improve sensitivity of assessment techniques New and emerging clinical frameworks and guidelines Assessment protocols for patient population groups Emerging trends in physiotherapy assessment technology Evaluation criteria for physiotherapy assessment methodologies and tools

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate case documentation • Appropriate relevant assessments for specific presentations • Range of skills relevant to client assessment for routine cases • Criteria for different assessment methods and tools • Types of tools required for assessments • Various limitations assessments used may have and the relevant measures to modify these issues • Limitation of various assessments and implications of common diagnosis • Differential diagnosis techniques • Multi-disciplinary assessment methods • Infection control policies and procedures • Standards of clients care and safety • Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) requirements 			
Abilities			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify the clients' identity and conditions with supervisory staff if required • Prepare for assessments • Obtain consent for procedures • Take client history • Identify and obtain crucial information that is relevant to the cases • Select appropriate and relevant assessments for routine and basic cases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select appropriate assessment methods for complex cases • Integrate and modify the assessment methods where relevant • Involve multidisciplinary teams in assessment of complex cases • Interpret results for complex cases • Interpret results for complex cases in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpret results for cases requiring expert or specialised knowledge • Share specialty knowledge with care teams • Review assessments conducted by other healthcare professionals • Develop guidelines and protocol to ensure diagnostic accuracy and clinical standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate trends in assessment practices in defined client populations • Integrate new evidence-based assessment methodologies into existing practices • Develop assessment approaches for the organisation incorporating leading

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			<p>independently and complex cases with guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform assessments for routine and basic cases • Identify limitations in the assessment • Modify assessment techniques as required • Report unexpected client responses or problem areas in the conduct of the assessments to supervisor • Interpret results for routine and basic cases • Interpret results for complex cases with guidance • Integrate case findings information from case notes and other stakeholders • Integrate results from different assessments for routine and complex cases • Document the assessments conducted in case notes in accordance to organisational procedures and guidelines 	<p>collaboration with other professionals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate assessment results to develop differential diagnosis 		<p>physiotherapy assessment approaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse, evaluate and synthesise new assessment methods and tools • Interpret national professional policies in specialised areas • Shape assessment practices for defined client populations across organisations based on evidence-based practices • Develop guidelines and protocol to ensure accuracy in interpretation of assessment findings in the healthcare setting and/or organisation
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