

e4Equipment

e-Learning for Medical Equipment Training



e4Equipment is being developed by the NHS Training for Innovation e4Equipment Project Team in partnership with DH e-Learning for Healthcare.

e4Equipment will provide e-learning materials for medical staff, registered practitioners and some support staff in primary & secondary healthcare settings. The aim is to enable the appropriate clinical staff to update their understanding of a variety of medical devices, and enable medical device trainers to target training more appropriately. It will also provide refresher training for staff who have not used an item of equipment for some time. e4Equipment will be freely available to all appropriate staff within the NHS. It may also be useful for students training in higher education facilities.

e4Equipment will provide core generic information about a variety of medical devices, together with specialist company information. The material will be presented as both interactive learning sessions and knowledge packs, and staff will be able to select the content relevant to the particular equipment within their workplace.

e4Equipment's learning content is based on best practice advice. The development process includes consultation with medical device trainers, and national bodies such as the National Patient Safety Agency, National Health Service Litigation Authority and Standards for Better Health.

e4Equipment will underpin safe and effective medical equipment training in the NHS, but will not replace more traditional methods of training, as there will always be a requirement for some 'hands on' learning to demonstrate competence with a particular device type.

e4Equipment will:

- Establish an accurate and up to date 'one stop' for medical device training
- Provide a consistent nationwide approach to medical device training
- Provide easy access to reliable information about medical device training
- Provide staff with both generic knowledge and specialist medical company information
- Provide performance indicators to enable medical device trainers to target specific training
- Supplement traditional methods of training
- Provide accurate records of training within the National Learning Management System. This will enable staff to maintain and transfer their record of knowledge and skills wherever they work within the NHS

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