

## Self Assessment

The following tool provides an opportunity for health care professionals involved in the management of subcutaneous infusions to undertake a self-directed assessment of their competency and then discuss their conclusions, if necessary, with another clinician.

**This is a guide for individual knowledge and does not replace direct clinical teaching and supervision.**

Consider your answer to each of the following questions. I can . . .	I understand and am able to practise safely	I need to learn more
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identify indications &amp; contraindications for use of a subcutaneous (s/c) infusion device (<i>see Introduction</i>)</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identify essential equipment required for a s/c infusion of medication (<i>see Section 2</i>)</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>describe/demonstrate correct site selection and rationale for selection (<i>see Section 3</i>)</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrate correct preparation and management of a s/c infusion (<i>see Section 2 &amp; Section 3</i>)</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrate understanding of indications for drugs commonly used in s/c infusions in palliative care (<i>see Section 4</i>)</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrate understanding of relevant drug compatibilities (<i>see Section 4</i>)</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrate correct set up of a s/c infusion device used in your organisation including relevant safety and equipment checks (<i>see Section 2 &amp; Section 3</i>)</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>describe how to troubleshoot/solve problems that may occur during subcutaneous infusion of medication (<i>see Section 6</i>)</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>describe the nurse's role in ensuring individual needs are met including education of patient and carer (<i>see Section 5</i>)</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrate understanding of assessment principles, symptoms, interventions, and potential adverse effects (<i>see Section 6</i>)</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrate knowledge of required documentation (<i>see Section 6</i>)</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>explain where to find legislation, policies and procedures relating to subcutaneous infusion of medication (<i>see Section 6</i>)</li> </ul>		