

THE VALLEY HOSPITAL
Ridgewood, New Jersey

PATIENT CARE SERVICES (PCS) POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: Nursing Student Guidelines

PURPOSE: To outline selected nursing tasks that a nursing student may perform.

POLICY:


1. The Nursing Student may perform those tasks outlined in PCS policy #10.41 Delegation-Nursing Tasks (except those listed below) based on their education preparation for the specific skill and direct observation by their clinical instructor until their clinical instructor validates their ability to perform the skill without direct observation.
2. The Nursing Student will document their assessments/observations, vital signs, as appropriate, on the downtime "Daily Nurses Notes" while on the clinical unit. At the end of the clinical day, the nursing student and clinical instructor (after review of the documentation) will sign the nurses' notes. **The nursing student will provide the registered nurse (RN) with an end of day report. The RN will additionally sign the daily nurses' note confirming that verbal report was received.** The Daily Nurses Notes will be placed on the patient's medical record.
3. The Nursing Student may not perform the following tasks, but may observe/work closely with an RN:
 - Intravenous push medications
 - Blood or Blood product administration
 - Opioid infusions (IV, epidural) – No dosage changes, may monitor the patient only
 - Drawing blood from the periphery or a vascular access device
 - Initiate Code Blue
 - Managing extreme changes in patient conditions
 - Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter dressing change or Tissue Plasminogen Activator (tPA) instillation into Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter

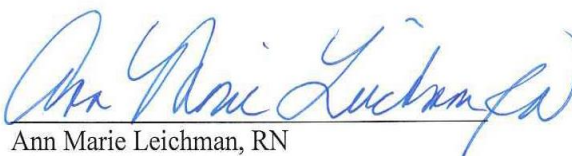
RESPONSIBILITY:

It is the responsibility of nursing leadership or management member, as appropriate to implement, maintain, evaluate, review and revise this policy.

APPROVED DATE

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REFERENCES:

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