

## SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES

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### DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

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#### NURSING STUDENTS

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#### REGISTERED NURSING STUDENTS

1. Students are responsible for taking report on their individual patients and coordinating with the assigned nurse aspects of care that they will be involved in. The student is responsible for signing out all medications and charting all medications and procedures in SOAP format, including a daily assessment.
2. Students will not perform any patient care when a school faculty member is not present on the ward.
3. Students may perform basic nursing skills such as bed making, vital signs, bed baths and assisting the patient with activities of daily living. Following is a list of skills students have been taught and may perform.
  - a. Medication administration: oral, rectal, vaginal optic, subcutaneous and intramuscular.
  - b. Serum and urine glucose checks.
  - c. Urine Ketone check, pH, protein via dipstick.
  - d. Discontinue peripheral IV.
  - e. Convert peripheral IV to saline/heparin lock.
  - f. Change peripheral IV dressing.
  - g. Perform venipuncture or insert IV o patient older than six months (must be supervised by instructors).
  - h. Insert urinary catheter on patient older than six months.
  - i. Perform simple oxygen therapy administration: nasal and facial mask, nebulization, incentive spirometer and blow bottle.
  - j. Administer enemas.
  - k. Change dressings (from simple to complex).
  - l. Nasogastric tubes: check for placement, check for residual, and administer feeding under instructor supervision.
  - m. Check emesis and stool for occult blood.

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- n. Care of patient who are in traction.
  - o. Colostomy care: irrigation – under instructor supervision: change bag, empty/measure output.
  - p. Ileostomy care.
  - q. G. tube and J. tube management.
  - r. Use intravenous infusion pumps/controllers under supervision of instructor.
4. Students will not be assigned pediatric patients who are experiencing hemodynamic or respiratory instability.

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**Student**

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**Date**