

THE VALLEY HOSPITAL

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 [PC-TVH-11.20](#) Delegation-Nursing Tasks (except those listed below) based on their education preparation for the specific skill and after direct observation by their clinical instructor who will validate their ability to perform the skill without further 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 Medical Alerts including but not limited to Adult Medical Emergency, Pediatric Medical Emergency
 - Managing extreme changes in patient conditions
 - Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter dressing change or Tissue Plasminogen Activator (tPA) instillation into Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter
 - Peripheral IV catheter insertion


RESPONSIBILITY:

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

APPROVED DATE:

Nurse Practice Education Council, July 14, 2006, September 14, 2007, October 12, 2007, April 11, 2008, March 11, 2011, September 13, 2013.

Nurse Practice Council, September 7, 2016, September 4, 2019, December 7, 2022


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REVIEWED/REVISED DATE:

Nursing Professional Development Dept., July 16, 2019, September 30, 2022

Medical Surgical Services, July 22, 2019, October 20, 2022

Women & Children Services, August 5, 2019, October 20, 2022

Emergency Services, August 7, 2019, November 14, 2022

Heart & Vascular Institute, August 12, 2019, October 20, 2022

Code Committee, January 2020 (policy updated to reflect Plain Language Code requirements)

REFERENCES:

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