

Time-Effective Tutoring



E-Book 1: Safe and Effective Care Environment

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Safe and Effective Care Environment: Management of Care, Safety and Infection Control
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Subcategory Topics:

Delegation and Supervision: Knowing the "five rights" of delegation (right task, circumstance, person, communication, supervision) and delegating within one's scope of practice.

Delegating Tasks

NCLEX questions on delegating tasks test your ability to apply the five rights of delegation to different team members, including Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP) and Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses (LPN/VNs). The RN is always accountable for the delegated task and must provide appropriate supervision.

Core Delegation Principles

- The five rights of delegation: This framework is a key tool for making safe delegation decisions.
 - Right Task: The task is appropriate to delegate for this specific patient. It should be repetitive, non-invasive, have predictable outcomes, and carry a low risk.
 - Right Circumstance: The patient's condition is stable. Consider the setting, resources, and the patient's overall health status.
 - Right Person: The UAP or LPN/VN is competent and has the necessary training to perform the task safely and effectively.

- Right Direction/Communication: You provide clear, concise, complete, and correct instructions regarding the task, including what to do, how to do it, and when to report back.
- Right Supervision/Evaluation: You provide appropriate monitoring, give feedback, and intervene if necessary. The RN is always responsible for the final evaluation of the patient's outcome.
- PACET Method: This mnemonic helps remember what an RN cannot delegate. The RN is always responsible for:
 - Planning patient care
 - Assessment (initial and complex, but not routine data collection for a stable patient)
 - Collaboration with other healthcare team members
 - Evaluation of patient outcomes
 - Teaching for patient education

What to Delegate to each Team Member

Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses (LPNs/VNs)

LPNs can perform more complex tasks than UAPs for stable patients with predictable outcomes.

- Can Do:
 - Administer most oral and intramuscular (IM) medications, but not typically IV pushes.

- Perform basic wound care, such as sterile dressing changes.
- Perform routine procedures like urinary catheterization.
- Monitor a stable patient post-surgery or during treatment.
- Perform focused assessments and collect data on stable patients.

Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAPs)

UAPs can perform routine tasks that do not require nursing judgment for stable, non-critical patients.

☐ Can Do:

- Assist with activities of daily living (ADLs), such as bathing, hygiene, and feeding (B2B Caregivers Profile | GoInstaCare, n.d.).
- Help with ambulation.
- Take routine vital signs and blood glucose readings for a stable patient.
- Collect urine and stool samples.

Key Delegation Scenarios for the NCLEX

- ☐ Unstable vs. Stable: Do not delegate care for unstable patients or new admissions. A client returning from surgery is considered unstable and requires an RN's initial assessment. The most stable patient is the one most appropriate for an LPN.
- ☐ Routine vs. Complex: Delegate routine tasks with predictable outcomes. Keep complex, high-risk procedures or those requiring intricate judgment (like IV medications) for the RN.

- Initial vs. Ongoing Assessment: An RN must perform the initial, comprehensive assessment. However, LPNs can collect data and UAPs can take vital signs and report back. The RN interprets the data and makes nursing judgments.
- Accountability vs. Responsibility: The RN is always accountable for the overall patient outcome. The delegatee (LPN or UAP) is responsible for the task that has been delegated.

By mastering these core principles and understanding the scope of practice for each team member, you can successfully answer NCLEX delegation questions and ensure safe, effective patient care.

Collaborating with Healthcare Teams

To pass the NCLEX, registered nurses (RNs) must demonstrate proficiency in collaborating with various healthcare teams to ensure optimal patient outcomes. This includes understanding the roles of different team members, communicating effectively, and advocating for the patient's needs within the interprofessional setting.

Key Concepts for the NCLEX

- Interprofessional collaboration: Multiple healthcare professionals from different backgrounds work together with the patient, family, and caregivers to deliver the highest quality of care.
- Intraprofessional collaboration: Collaboration among nursing staff at different levels of licensure (e.g., RN, LPN, APN) to coordinate patient care.