

The Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA) Nursing Student Experience

Current Situation: Student nurses have clinical experiences in every hospital within the Dayton and surrounding areas. Each organization or network has their own sets of "rules" for what the student nurse can and can't do. The movement of students and faculty between clinical agencies sets up an environment where errors may occur because of the inconsistencies of organizational student nurse practice policies.

Proposal:

Goal: To standardize the student nurse practice policies within the Dayton and surrounding area hospitals. Hospitals impacted by this proposal include the hospitals that belong to The Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA). Children's Medical Center is not included in this proposal due to the unique needs of the pediatric population.

Rationale:

Standardization of student nurse practice will be protect the hospitals, students, faculty, staff and ultimately our patients

Policy:

Hospitals in GDAHA recognizes the importance of providing practical clinical related experiences for nursing students in various educational programs of accredited colleges, universities, and schools.

Student experience is defined as practical, curriculum-related clinical work which is performed as part of the requirements for a degree, diploma, or certificate of completion from an accredited academic institution. This experience is temporary, generally uncompensated and professionally supervised.

The following section from the Ohio Board Nurse Practice Act governs the practice of student nurses.

Chapter 4723-5 Nursing Education Program

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS

- A. The student nurse may administer oral and parenteral medications to patients during a scheduled clinical using these parameters:
 - I. The student nurse has completed and passed a pharmacology course and has had laboratory experience in administering oral and parenteral and IV medications.

2. IV Push Medications may only be administered by the Senior Level student within the following guidelines. The instructor is to supervise the student nurse every time any medication is administered by IV push from preparation time through administration time. The senior level precept students may administer any medication, IV push under the direct supervision of their RN preceptor.
- B. The student nurse must collaborate and coordinate medication administration with the clinical nurse to avoid omission or duplication of the administration of medications.
 - C. PYXIS information is given to instructors.
 - D. The student nurse's documentation and/or signatures are not to be co-signed by a Registered Nurse. Co-signing of student signatures is not a requirement of the Ohio Board of Nursing.

INVOLVEMENT IN CARDIAC ARREST

- A. A student may initiate CPR and call for assistance. (All students must be CPR certified).
- B. The student may continue to perform CPR during the arrest until the arrest team **arrives**.
- C. The student may function as a runner during the arrest procedure.
- D. The student may assist in keeping the arrest area clear and should cooperate in providing a clear working space for the arrest team.
- E. The student may assist in care of other patients to free staff to participate in the arrest effort if requested to do so.
- F. The student may provide support for the other patient in the room and/or remove the other patient from the room if requested to do so.
- G. Senior Level Precepted students may use the defibrillator in **AED** Mode only.

Blood products: as permitted by school policy.

- The student may sign for blood/blood products or pick up blood/blood product in Blood Transfusion Service.
- The student **may** verify the unit of blood/blood product for administration.
- The student may initiate the infusion under direct supervision of their faculty or RN preceptor.
- The student is permitted to take vital signs while the blood/blood product is being transfused.
- The preceptor or instructor must remain at the bedside with the student nurse during the first 15 minutes of the infusion.

Responsibility of hospital personnel and staff nurses:

- Have the right to know the student level of nursing education.
- Must adhere to the student's level of practice.
- Have the right to assume care of their patient at any time and is ultimately responsible for the care of the patient.
- Must be available to the nursing student and/or faculty member regarding their patient.
- Will treat the student with professionalism and respect.
- Will allow student nurses to document on the assessment notes and medication administration sheet.
- Staff nurses should not co-sign after the student nurse's assessment or documentation. Staff nurses should follow up the student's documentation with the validation screen on the charting applications.
- The Registered Nurse (RN) must still document an assessment at least once in their shift. The student's charting and/or the validation of their charting does not replace the RN's documentation.
- Removal of any and/or all controlled substances, narcotics, and override medications from the med stations will be performed under supervision by the participating faculty or the precepting staff RN.

Additional Faculty Responsibilities:

- Faculty and preceptors retain responsibility for medications administered to patients during the clinical experience. Faculty members and students will be granted med station access, including access to controlled substances, narcotics, and override medications. Faculty may witness wastage of these medications.
- If an incident is reported with a student, faculty will be responsible for re-educating the student and notifying the nursing school liaison of each facility. Faculty is responsible for ensuring that the student can demonstrate the ability to perform the task correctly.

Student responsibilities include:

- Students will receive hospital orientation from their instructor as well as a focused orientation on the unit they will be working.
- Students will report to the clinical site with appropriate uniform and visible picture identification, as required by the hospital.
- Students will maintain patient safety at all times.
- Students will not falsify any client record or any other document prepared or utilized in the course of, or in conjunction with nursing practice.
- Students will report timely and accurately to the appropriate practitioner errors in or deviations from the prescribed regimen of care.
- Students will not engage in skills or activities outside their scope of practice.

- Students will delineate, establish, and maintain professional boundaries with each patient.
- Students will uphold the patient's bill of rights.
- Documentation of any nursing care should occur as soon as possible, after the care is given.
- Titrate intravenous drips with the direct supervision from their instructor or precepting staff RN

Students may NOT:

Co-sign consents

Take doctor's orders; including phone orders

Administer medications to a pediatric patient. (with the exception of the maternity or neonatal areas of hospitals with pediatric units-refer to hospital specific policy)

Independently perform any task that they have not been taught in their nursing school program

Administer chemotherapy

Students may not perform any skill in which a Registered Nurse must be demonstrating competency and/or be certified.

Procedures restricted to "Senior level" & or "Precepted students" unless indicated

Skills and Procedure	ALL Students	Advanced Level (Senior level or ADN last semester or ADN last 2 quarters)	Precepted students
Vein puncture	X	X	X
IV Push		X	X
Central Venous Access Line: Blood draw, Flushing and Dressing Changes & removing		X	X
Central Venous Pressure (CVP) monitoring with water manometer		X	X
Central Venous Access; Declotting with thrombolytics & nursing care of		X	X
Permanent Indwelling Central Venous Access Catheter- Nursing care of		X	X

Central Venous Dialysis Catheter; Incision, use & care		X	X
Arterial Blood Gases-obtaining by arterial puncture		X	X
Arterial Line; insetting, maintenance, blood draws & removal		X	X
Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC line) management		X	X
Implantable Venous Access Port; Nursing care		X	X
Total Parenteral Nutrition	X	X	X
Blood Administration with an RN	X	X	X
PCA Pumps			X
Utilize defibrillator (AED Mode Only)		X	X
Ileostomy Lavage		X	X
Sterile Catheterization of a Urinary Diversion		X	X
Removing Collapsible or Rigid Drains		X	X
Vaginal Exams of Laboring patients			X
Care of a TB Patient	X	X	X
Tracheostomy Care	X	X	X
Suture & Staple Removal	X	X	X
Epidurals			X
Pediatric Procedures (except in OB/nursery and hospitals with pediatric units-refer to hospital specific policy)	No	No	No
CHEMOTHERAPY; administration of Cytotoxic Drugs	No	No	No
Telephone or Verbal Orders-receiving or documentation of	No	No	No