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Delegation

Allows the transfer of responsibility to another person to complete a task or activity while the initial person retains the accountability for the outcome.

The person that is entrusted the delegated task must be qualified, competent and able to perform the task.

The transfer of responsibility for the performance of a task from one individual to another while retaining accountability for the outcome. (ANA Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice pg64)

SUMMARY

Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP)

Also known as:

- Non-credentialed assistive personnel
- Nursing assistant (NA)
- Certified nursing assistant (CNA)
- Patient care associate (PCA)
- Nursing technician
- Unit technician

RN is responsible for all patient care!!

- The UAP cannot practice nursing
- UAP must be directed, supervised and evaluated by the RN
- Licensed practical nurse (LPN / LVN) works under direction and supervision of the RN. Their limitations of practice are governed by their state board regulations

Direct Patient Care Activities

- Grooming
- Feeding
- Hygiene care
- Vital signs
- Ambulation
- Electrocardiogram
- Measuring Blood sugar levels

Indirect Patient Care Activities

- Restocking supplies
- Transporting patients
- Clerical activities

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The Five Rights of Delegation

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (1997) has defined the Five Rights of Delegation, as follows:

1. Right task
2. Right circumstance
3. Right person
4. Right direction / communication
5. Right supervision