I. PROCEDURE

Nursing students and their clinical instructors may administer treatments and medications in accordance with Children’s National Medical Center’s policy, procedures, and clinical standards.

A. Students of Professional Nursing

1. Delegation and/or Assignment of Treatments and Medication Administration Responsibilities:

   a) The Registered Nurse (RN), either the faculty and/or Children’s National staff is responsible for analyzing and evaluating the outcomes of care of an assigned or delegated task.

   b) The Registered Nurse, either the faculty and/or Children’s National staff supervises and determines appropriate actions of any student involved in patient care.

2. Administration of Treatments

   a) All treatments performed by students of professional nursing must be supervised by an instructor who has completed Children's National Affiliate Faculty Orientation Program, or a Children’s RN who has successfully completed a unit based orientation program.

   b) Students of professional nursing may NOT, under any circumstance, perform the following treatments, which include but are not limited to:

      (1) Flush a central venous access device
      (2) Irrigate nephrostomy tubes
      (3) Care for arterial lines
      (4) Insert an oral or nasal airway
      (5) Administer blood or blood products
      (6) Take a verbal or telephone order from a physician
      (7) Start a peripheral intravenous line
      (8) Point of Care Testing (e.g. Precision G, urine dip)
c) Students of professional nursing must be directly supervised EVERY TIME one of the following treatments are performed, which include but not limited to:

1. Flush a peripheral intravenous line
2. Change intravenous pump tubing
3. Perform endo-tracheal suctioning
4. Perform naso-tracheal suctioning
5. Tracheostomy care inclusive of suctioning of the tracheostomy, stoma care, and tie changes
6. Assist an RN with a routine tracheostomy tube change
7. Passing and/or irrigating a nasogastric tube
8. Central line dressing changes
9. Administration of enteral tube feedings
10. Discontinue an intravenous line
11. Administer TPN or lipids
12. Perform burn/wound care
13. Transport a sedated patient independently without an RN trained in moderate (conscious) sedation

3. Medication Administration

a) Professional nursing students must comply with Children’s National’s Medication policies and procedures.

b) Professional nursing students may administer medications under the supervision of an instructor who has completed the Children’s National Affiliate Faculty Orientation Program or a Children’s Registered Nurse who has successfully completed a unit based orientation program.

c) Students of professional nursing must always be under DIRECT supervision when administering the following medications:

1. All medications administered by intravenous drip
2. Digitalis preparations
3. Medications requiring specialized administration techniques (e.g. Interferon)
4. Parenteral Narcotics**
5. Insulin**
6. ACTH
7. Research and investigational drugs
(8) **Anticoagulants**

**These medications must be cosigned by two registered nurses.**

d) Professional nursing students MAY NOT under any circumstance administer medications via IV push or sedation/analgesia for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes, including moderate (conscious) sedation.

B. **Students of Practical Nursing**

1. **Administration of Treatments**

   a) All treatments performed by students of professional nursing must be supervised by an instructor who has completed Children's National Affiliate Faculty Orientation Program, or a Children’s RN who has successfully completed a unit based orientation program.

   b) Students of professional nursing may NOT, under any circumstance, perform the following procedures, which include but are not limited to:

   (1) Perform naso-tracheal or endotracheal suctioning
   (2) Flush peripheral or central intravenous lines
   (3) Irrigate nephrostomy tubes
   (4) Insert oral or nasal airways
   (5) Care for arterial lines
   (6) Transport a sedated patient independently without a Registered Nurse trained in Moderate Sedation
   (7) Change or assist in changing a tracheostomy tube
   (8) Care for a peritoneal dialysis catheter’s exit site
   (9) Perform venipuncture/blood draws

   c) Students of practical nursing must be directly supervised EVERY TIME one of the following treatments are performed, which include but not limited to:

   (1) Administration of enteral tube feedings
   (2) Irrigation of nasogastric tubes
   (3) Burn/wound care
   (4) Urinary catheterization
   (5) Oral-naso or nasopharyngeal suctioning
   (6) Intravenous pump tubing change
   (7) Tracheostomy care inclusive of suctioning of the tracheostomy tube
   (8) Stoma care, tie changes
C. Instructors of Nursing Students

1. All instructors must complete the Children’s National Medical Center (Children’s National) Affiliate Faculty Orientation Program prior to the start of clinical supervision of students. Refer to Nursing Policy 3114.

2. All instructors are responsible for orienting students to Children’s National organization and policies and procedures before or on the initial day of the student's clinical rotation.

3. All instructors must comply with Children’s National policies and procedures.

4. The instructor must supervise all patient care (inclusive of treatment administration, medication preparation and administration, and documentation) provided by the student.

5. The instructor must cosign all documentation of care, treatment, administration, and medication administration performed by the student.

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III. REFERENCES