

Delegation Exercise Key

Delegate each task to the appropriate staff member

	RN	LVN/LPN	UAP	Unit clerk	Rationale
Patient's initial assessment	X				RN only
Care plans	X				RN only
Assessment of the patient with soft wrist restraints for circulation, movement, and sensation every 2 hours	X				Initially the RN and then a trained LVN
Administer SQ insulin		X			Both the RN and LVN can do this but you are trying to delegate
Public toilet overflowing				X	
Assist a stable patient to the bathroom			X		Patient needs to be stable & predictable
Ambulate a stable patient in the hallway			X		
Feed a patient with swallowing difficulties		X			Both LV and Rn can do this: delegate down
Assist a stroke patient who has been hospitalized for 2 days and needs the use of a bedpan			X		Considered stable
Turn a stable patient every 2 hours			X		Stable
Patient teaching prior to discharge	X				First time info must come from RN; LVN can reinforce
Distribute breakfast trays			X		
Answer call lights				X	
Notify the family by phone that their family member is now unresponsive	X				This is not a predictable situation so requires RN
Provide routine nasotracheal suctioning		X			
Transport a stable patient to radiology			X		
Complete end of shift intake/output totals			X		
Delegate nursing tasks	X				Only the RN can delegate
Maintain responsibility for delegated nursing tasks	X				
Administer an IVP medication	X				LVN's cannot administer IVP unless the organization they work for has a policy and training for this skill; NCLEX says no IVP for LVN
Collect guaiac stool test for occult blood		X			

UAP in the unlicensed assistive personnel - certified nurse aide, nurse technician