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The importance of proper delegation is vital to ensure patient safety and prevent liability in case of complications related to a specific task. During the wrongful delegation case study, the nurse delegated the unlicensed assistive personnel to reinsert a GI tube (Reiner, 2020). Even though the UPA stated that she had experience inserting GI tubes, this skill is not within her scope, and the nurse should not have delegated her to perform the task. Due to improper placement, the patient experienced significant harm, and the nurse was held liable. In class, we discussed proper task delegation in-depth related to both UAP and LPN delegation. We learned that the state board nursing scope of practice is the best way to review task delegation criteria for each training level. When delegating tasks, the nurse should be aware of the skill and knowledge needed to perform the task (Reiner, 2020). The nurse should also provide appropriate monitoring of the task to ensure accuracy and patient safety. Any person can also refuse a delegated task if it is not within their scope of practice or does not feel comfortable performing the task.

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