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Course objectives

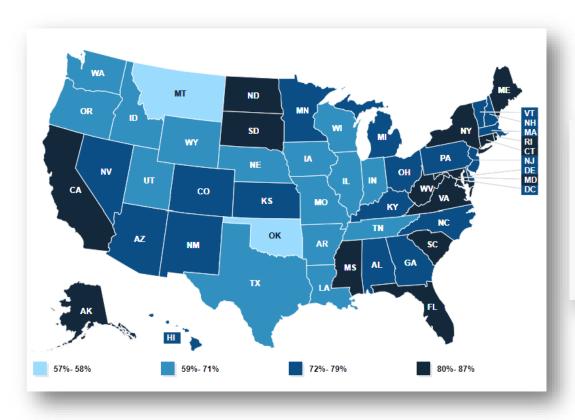
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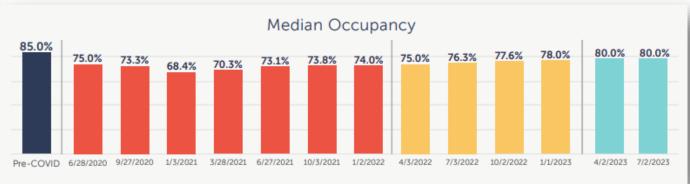
- 1. Discuss the guidelines on nursing delegation.
- 2. Understand the licensed nurse's responsibilities of delegation.
- 3. Formulate three methods for assessing the RN competency in the delegation process.





Perspective – Occupancy SNF





CLA SNF Cost Comparison and Industry Report



Perspective – Average Length of Stay



https://info.marcumllp.com/hubfs/pdf/marcum-three-year-nursing-home-statistical-analysis-2020-2022.pdf?hsLang=en



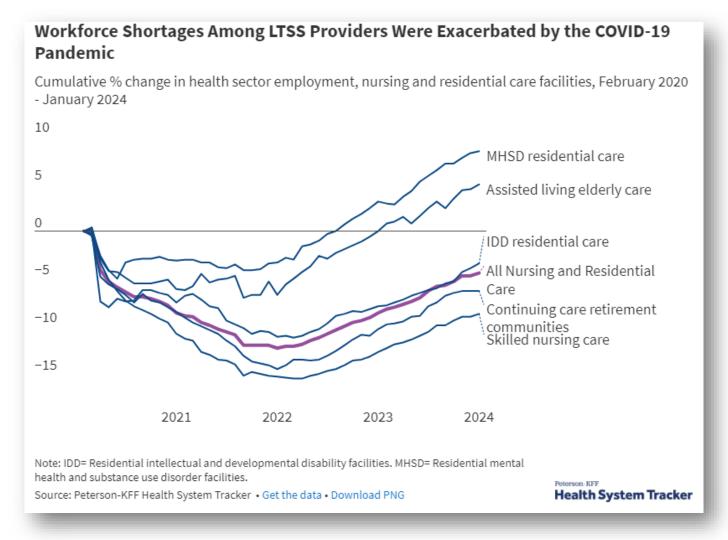
Perspective – Acuity and Complexities

- Aging demographics in all settings
- SNF Higher acuity and medically complex
- AL/HCBS Increased acuity
- Multiple comorbidities/chronic disease
- Terminal illness
- Younger population
- Behavioral health issues
- Mental health and addiction
- Need for specialization and Increased competencies





Perspective – Workforce

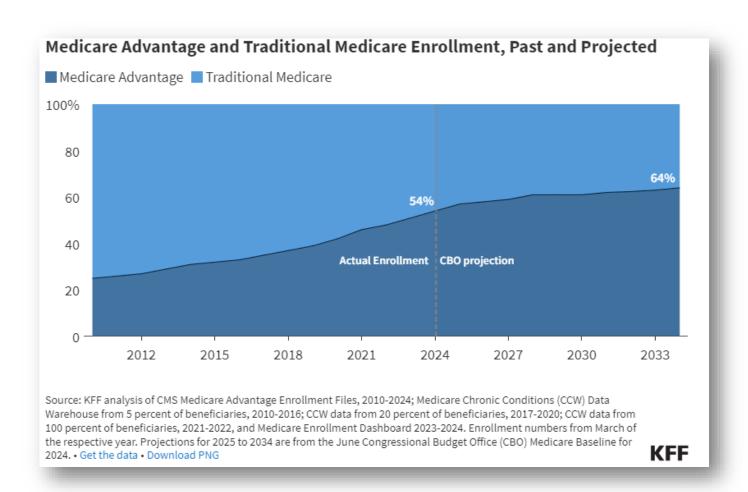




Perspective – Reimbursement

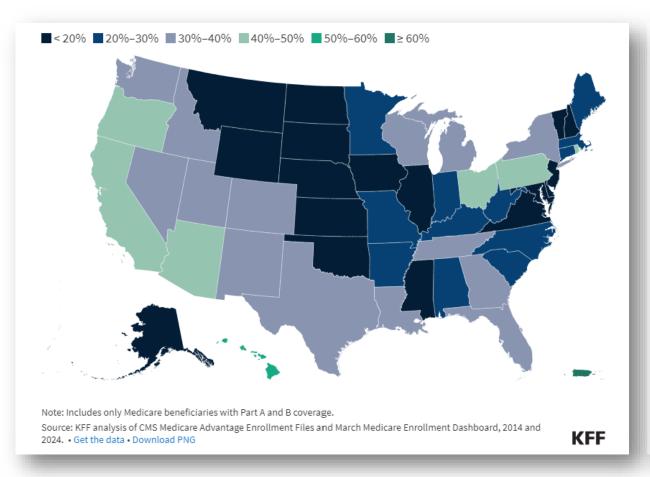
Primary Payer in SNF

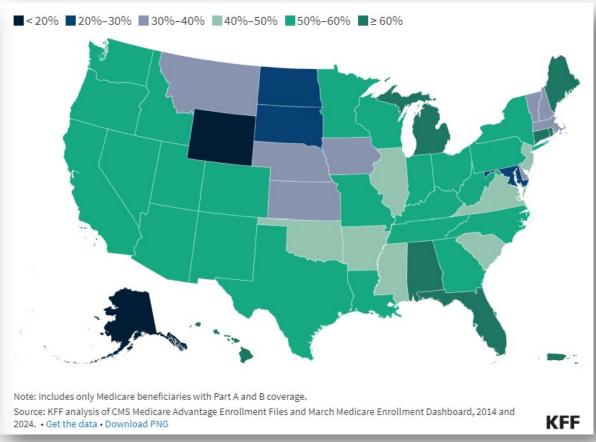
- Medicaid 32%
- Medicare is 13% and decreasing
- Private/Other 25%





Perspective – Reimbursement



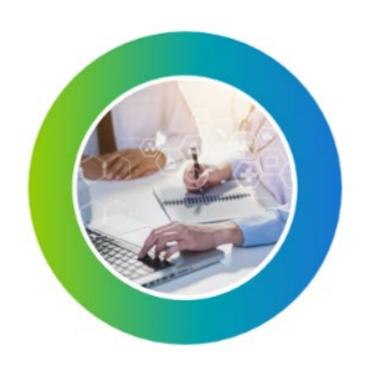


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Impact

- Workforce needs and planning
- Resource needs
- Clinical Competencies
- Clinical Readiness
- Clinical Capabilities
- Psychosocial needs
- Access to clinicians and specialists
- Admission process changes
- Policy and procedure revisions
- Specialization
- Staff training
- Vendors/partners
- Technology
- Facility Assessment











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Nurse Delegation and Quality of Care – Practice and Implementation

Where have all the nurses gone

It was estimated 660,000 Baby Boomer RNs worked during the pandemic, with the vast majority anticipated to retire by 2030

It is unknown if these RNs will exit the workforce earlier than planned and disrupt the workforce labor throughout the country.

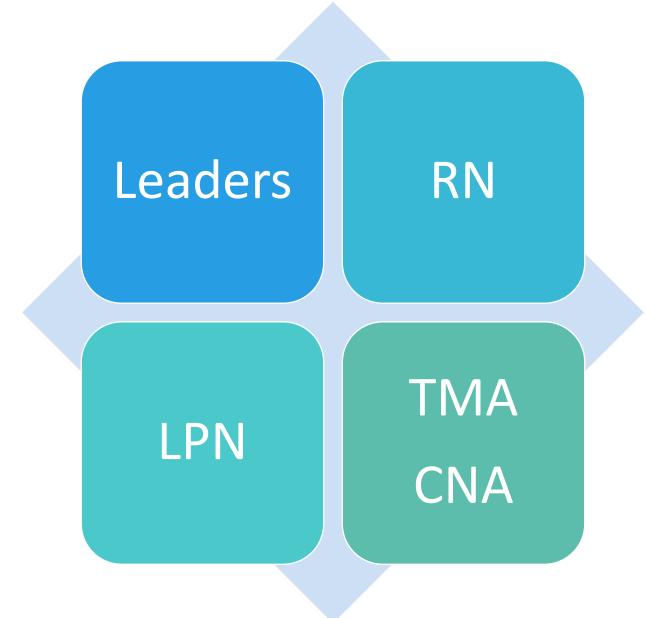
The overall result of the pandemic on the workforce is still unknown





Nursing Department Composition

Roles and Responsibilities







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Delegation and Definitions

Delegation

"Delegation is the process by which a nurse assigns specific tasks or responsibilities to other healthcare team members, such as nursing assistants, licensed practical nurses (LPNs), or other registered nurses (RNs), while maintaining accountability for the overall patient care. Effective delegation ensures that the right person performs the right task in the right manner, optimizing patient outcomes and promoting efficient use of healthcare resources."



Delegation in Nursing: A Comprehensive Guide (supportgroupsfornurses.org)



Delegation

- Questions on nursing delegation are part of the NCLEX exam
- Delegation involves achieving outcomes and sharing activities with other individuals who have the authority to accomplish the task.
- The Nurse Practice Act and any practice limitations (institutional policies and procedures, and job descriptions of personnel provided by the institution) define which aspects of care can be delegated and which must be performed by a registered nurse.
- Is the process of transferring the performance of a selected nursing task in a situation to an individual who is competent and has the authority to perform that specific task.

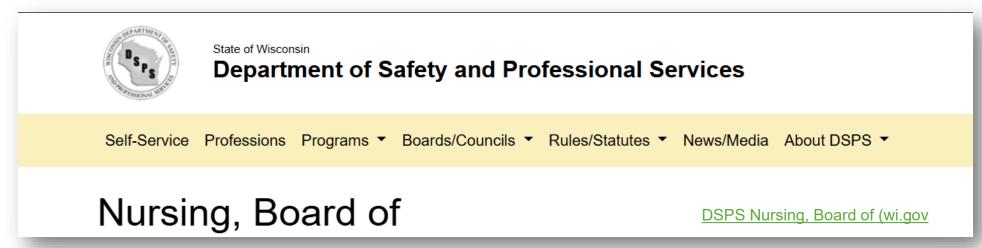


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Wisconsin Nurse Practice Act

- Defined through statutes and regulations to provide for a formal and legal mechanism of promoting the safety of the public with respect to the provision of nursing care and services.
- State Statute Chapter 441
- Administrative Code N6 –Standards for Registered Nurses And Licensed Practical Nurses





The Delegation Wisconsin Nurse Practice Act

N 6.03 Standards of practice for registered nurses.

(1) GENERAL NURSING PROCEDURES. An R.N. shall utilize the nursing process in the execution of general nursing procedures in the maintenance of health, prevention of illness or care of the ill.

The nursing process consists of the steps of assessment, planning, intervention and evaluation. This standard is met through performance of each of the following steps of the nursing program.



Wisconsin Nurses Association

WBN is in the process of revising the Administrative code related to nurse delegation

The proposed changes are as follows:

N 6.02 (5) – Define "Delegated act" means acts delegated to a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse. Added: or acts delegated by a registered nurse.

(The Board wanted to clarify that RNs can delegate)



https://www.wisconsinnurses.org/regulatory-update-wisconsin-board-of-nursing-creating-changes-to-administrative-code-n6-rn-delegation/



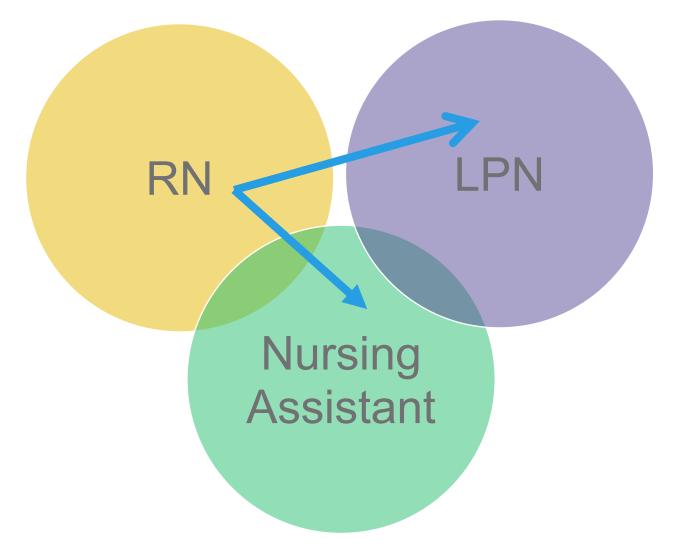
Benefits of Nursing Delegation

- Empowering employees
- Decreasing burnout
- Increasing commitment
- Improving job satisfaction





Delegation Process





RN Responsibilities

Assessment

Planning

Intervention

Evaluation

Systematic and continual collection and analysis of data about the health status of a patient culminating in the formulation of a nursing diagnosis

Developing a nursing plan of care for a patient which includes goals and priorities derived from the nursing diagnosis

The nursing action to implement the plan of care by directly administering care or by directing and supervising nursing acts delegated to L.P.N.'s or less skilled

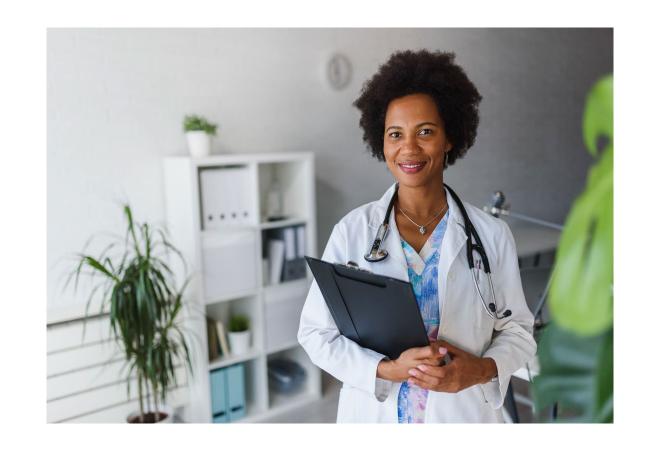
The determination of a patient's progress or lack of progress toward goal achievement which may lead to modification of the nursing diagnosis

assistants



RN Performance of Delegated Acts

- Accept only those delegated acts for which there are protocols or written or verbal orders.
- Accept only those delegated acts for which the R.N. is competent to perform based on his or her nursing education, training or experience.
- Consult with a provider in cases where the R.N. knows or should know a delegated act may harm a patient.
- Perform delegated acts under the general supervision or direction of provider.





RN Supervision of Delegated Taks

- Delegate tasks commensurate with educational preparation and demonstrated abilities of the person supervised.
- Provide direction and assistance to those supervised
- Observe and monitor the activities of those supervised.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of acts performed under supervision



Monitor?



Standards of Practice LPN

- Performance of Acts in Basic Patient Situations
- Performance of Acts in Complex Patient Situations
- Assumption of Charge Nurse Position in Nursing Homes



Wisconsin Legislature: N 6.04(1)



Standards of Practice LPN

- Performance of Acts in Basic Patient Situations (under the supervision of RN)
 - Accept only patient care assignments which the L.P.N. is competent to perform.
 - · Provide basic nursing care.
 - Record nursing care given and report to the appropriate person changes in the condition of a patient.
 - Consult with a provider in cases where an L.P.N. knows or should know a delegated act may harm a patient.
 - Assist with the collection of data.
 - Assist with the development and revision of a nursing care plan.
 - Reinforce the teaching provided by an R.N. provider and provide basic health care instruction.
 - Participate with other health team members in meeting basic patient needs.



Wisconsin Legislature: N 6.04(1)



Standards of Practice LPN

- Assumption of Charge Nurse Position in Nursing Homes
 - Follow written protocols and procedures developed and approved by an R.N.
 - Manage and direct the nursing care and other activities of L.P.N.s and nursing support personnel under the general supervision of an R.N.
 - Accept the charge nurse position only if prepared for the responsibilities of charge nurse based upon education, training, and experience beyond the practical nurse curriculum.
 - The L.P.N. shall, upon request of the board, provide documentation of the nursing education, training or experience that prepared the L.P.N. to competently assume the position of charge nurse.



Wisconsin Legislature: N 6.04(1)



Delegation Missteps











Delegation: An Art or a Science?





Key Terms

Accountability

Delegated Responsibility

Delegatee

Delegator

Licensed Nurse

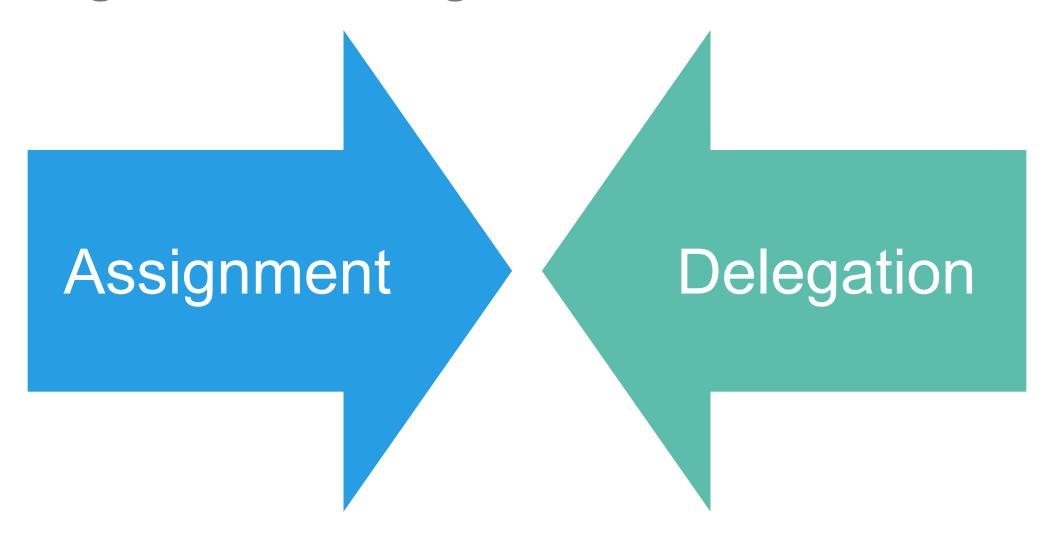
Assignment



NGND-PosPaper 06.pdf (ncsbn.org)



Assignment vs Delegation





Director of Nurses Responsibilities

- Identify the nurse leader for oversight of delegation responsibilities
- Designate the responsibility
- Develop policy and procedure
- Delegatees demonstrate knowledge and competency
- Communication skills
- Evaluation of abilities to delegate
- Promotes positive culture and work environment



Licensed Nurse Responsibilities

Responsibilities **Practice Setting** Ability to communicate Availability Feedback





5 Rights of Delegation

Right Task

Right Circumstance

Right Person

Right Supervision

Right Direction and Communication

American Nursing Association
(ANA) "Delegation in Nursing:
How to Build a Stronger Team"
https://www.nursingworld.org/conte
nt-hub/resources/nursing-leadership/delegation-in-nursing/



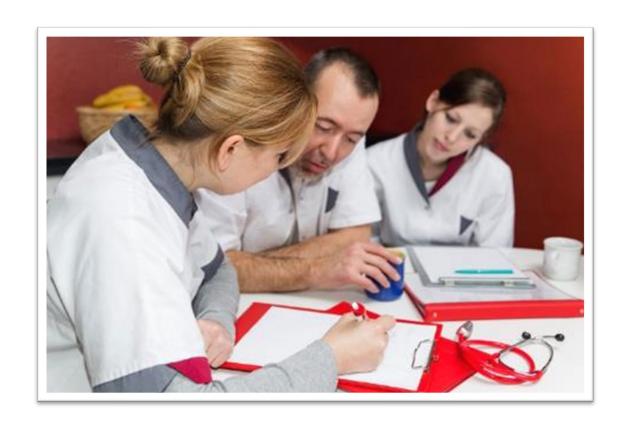
Guidelines for Delegation

LPN/LVN Registered Nurse C.N.A/ULP Facility policy on delegation LPN/LVN C.N.A/ULP



The DON and Delegation

Is there a difference between assigning a workload and delegation?





Do you have an organizational policy and procedure for delegation?





KEY POINTS

- 1. The RN needs to establish that the delegated task is something that the employee is trained and competent to perform.
 - Do you have evidence of training?
 - In-service sign in sheets
 - Return Demonstration Forms
 - Skills check lists





KEY POINTS

- 2. Monitoring, Oversight and Supervision
 - Must always be available for contact
 - Direct line of sight
 - Verbal Communication and Interaction
 - Phone contact





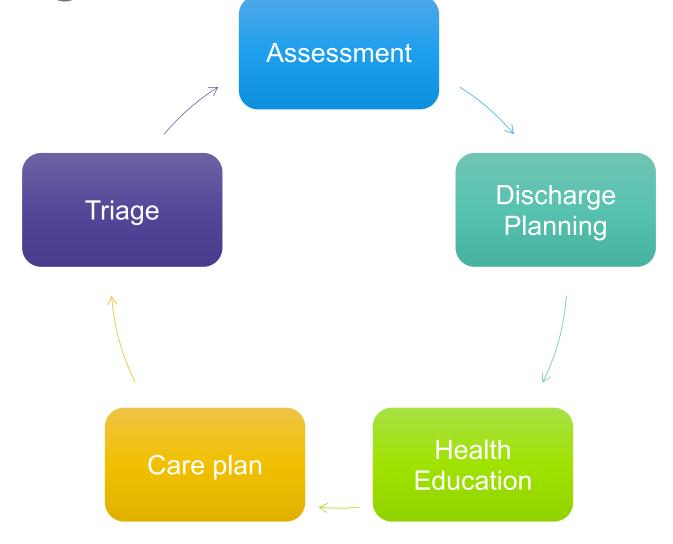
KEY POINTS

3. Follow up and Evaluation will need to be done to ensure task is completed as directed.





Limits of Delegation





Delegation Situations

The RN has delegated the LPN/LVN to assess a resident's lung sounds

NO

The LPN/LVN has delegated the nursing assistant to change a colostomy bag

NO

The RN has delegated the LPN/LVN to monitor vital signs every hour.

YES

The RN has delegated the LPN/LVN to monitor blood glucose levels every hour and report to the RN

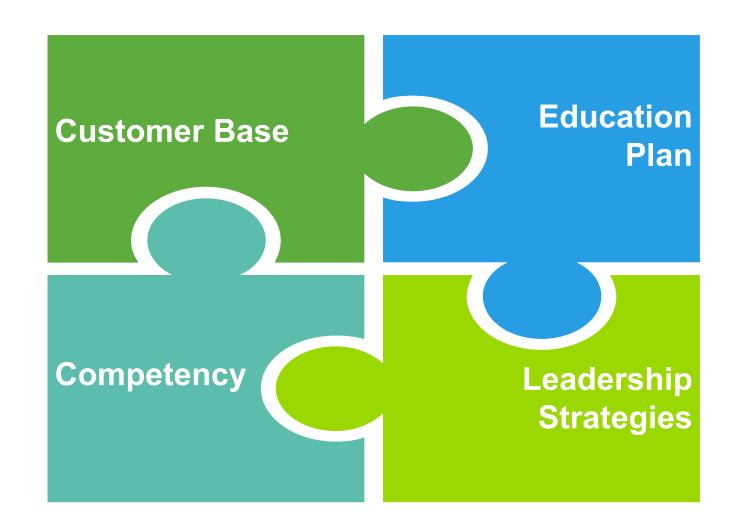
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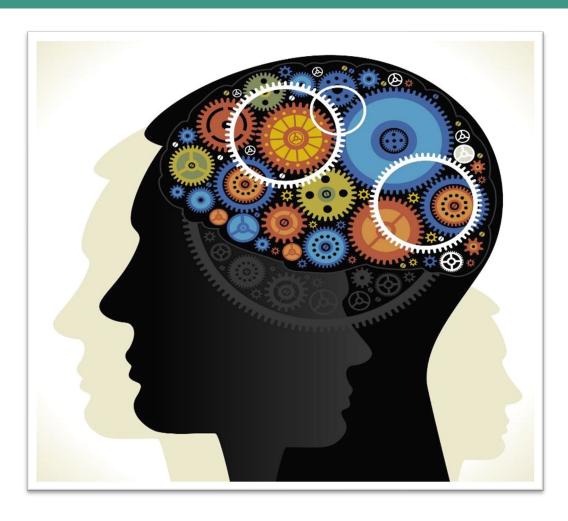
Education
Putting it All
Together

The Art of
Delegation – Is
this part of your
training plan?





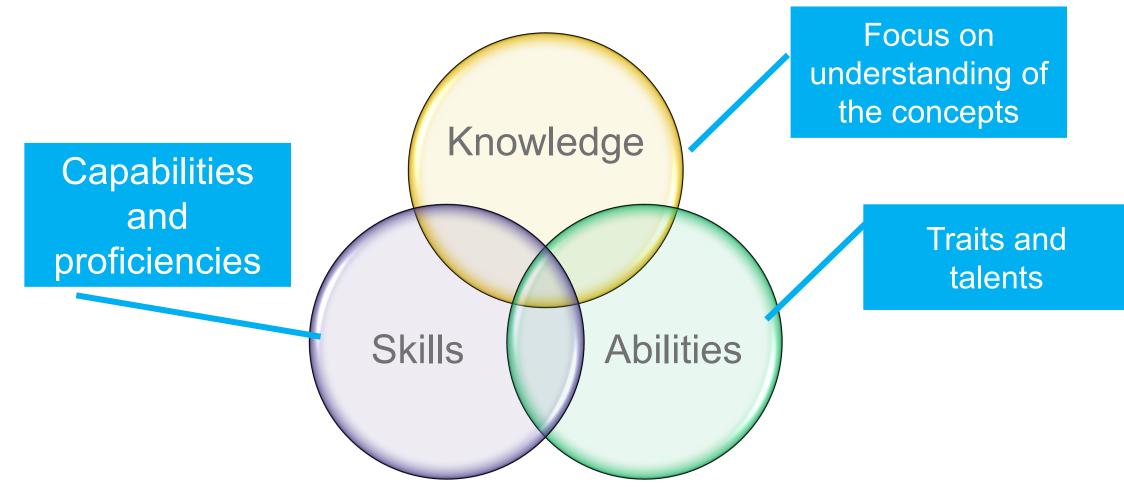
Creative Onboarding



- Job roles and responsibilities
- Policies and Procedures
- Delegation is part of nursing education
- Day-to-day tasks, assignments vs delegation/RN oversight
- Case scenarios
- Annual education needs
- Alignment with facility assessment and competency needs



Assess Current Status and Identify Gaps





Validation

- Lecture with return demonstration for physical activities
- Written or Verbal Tests A pre-test and post-test for documentation issues
- Skills Demonstration Demonstrated ability to use tools, devices, or equipment that were the subject of the training and used to care for residents
- Return Demonstration
- Observation
- Self Assessment
- Simulation
- Preceptor
- Peer to Peer





Documentation Example

LICE	NSED NURSE COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT	
Name:	Date of Hire	
Assessment of competency for the following po	olicy and procedure:	
Competency Statement: Licensed nurses will display consistent competency prof	iciency when providing care and services to residents an	d managing the residents' care processes.
Instructions: Nurse: Complete the self-assessment portion of this document Evaluator: Complete the Evaluator's Assessment portion of this or knowledge plan, as needed, based on the assessment.		borate with the nurse to describe an improvement
Assessment Kev: 1- Needs Skills Improvement 2- Needs increased knowledge 3 - Can perform competently 3 - Can perform independently and evaluate others	Method of Evaluation: SA – Self-assessment S- Simulation DO- Direct Observation RD- Return demonstration KT– Knowledge Test	Learning Resources ☐ Observed peer mentor ☐ Computer-based learning and test ☐ Formal class ☐ Other:

Performance Criteria Document the steps of the facility procedure here	Self-Assessment Use Assessment Key (See legend) Add comments as needed				Evaluator's Assessment Use Assessment Key (See legend) Add comments as needed		
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☐ Improvement Plan - see below Improvement Plan com	npleted on		☐ Compe	tency Met after impro	ovement p	lan compl	eted (Sign above)
Knowledge or Improvement Plan Steps Initiated on (dd	ate)			Resources		Ti	arget date for completion

Self-Assessment

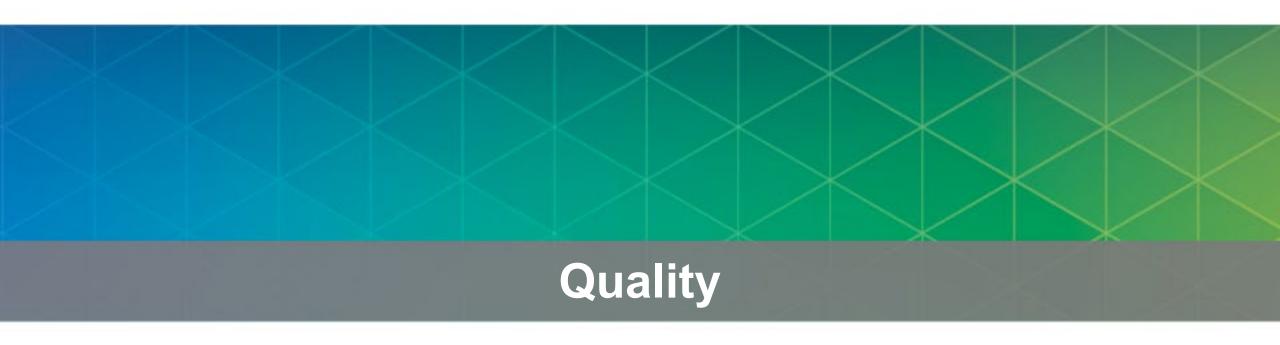
Performance Criteria



Evaluator's Assessment

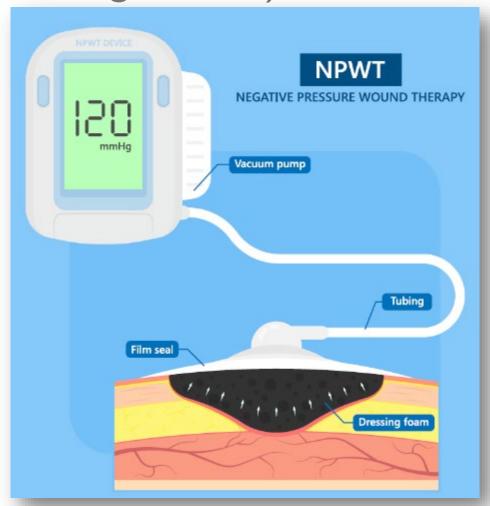


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Delegation Impacting Quality (Delegation vs

Assignment)



How could the improper application of a wound vac impact the resident?

- Infection
- Pain
- Increase stage of wound
- Increase time on bed rest
- Hemorrhage
- Bleeding
- Sepsis
- Maceration of skin



Quality Measures





F 883 Delegation of Vaccinations

- Vaccinate an eligible resident with the influenza and/or the pneumococcal vaccine(s), unless the resident had previously received the vaccine, refused, or had a medical contraindication present; or
- Allow a resident or a resident's representative to refuse either the influenza and/or the pneumococcal vaccine(s); or
- Provide and/or document the provision of pertinent information regarding the immunizations to the resident or the resident's representative such as the benefits and potential side effects of the influenza and, as applicable, the pneumococcal immunization(s); or
- Document that the resident either received the pneumococcal and influenza vaccine(s) or did not receive the vaccine(s) due to medical contraindications, previous vaccination, or refusal.

- *Vaccinations are a quality measure
- Who is participating in annual influenza vaccinations?
- Can the RN delegate health education or just the administration of the vaccine to the LPN/LVN in a nursing home setting?
- Yes, the LPN/LVN can administer the vaccination, and provide the information, however, based on the Nurse Practice Act in the State of Wisconsin the LPN/LVN cannot assess or educate.





Areas for RN Practice and those that can be delegated if supervised.					
ASSESSMENT	Conducts and documents total nursing assessments of the health status of clients by collecting andrecording subjective and objective data. Reassess and collect pertinent data as the client's	Assists in the nursing assessment by collecting, reporting, and recording objective and subjective data about the client's condition at the direction of the registered nurse.	Measures and records objective data such as height, weight, vital signs, food and fluid intake and output under the direction of the licensed nurse. Reports to RN/LPN any observed changes in		
ANALYSIS	Determines frequency of nursing assessment. Analyzes assessment data and establishes, accepts and/or modifies the nursing diagnosis to be used as a basis for nursing interventions.		client conditions.		
PLANNING	 Develops, maintains, modifies, and communicates the nursing components of the plan of care derived from the nursing diagnosis(es). 	 Assists in the development of the nursing component of the client's plan of care at the direction of the RN. 			
IMPLEMENTATION	Implements nursing plan of care, including nursing interventions. Executes regimen prescribed by a physician, APN, dentist, optometrist, or podiatrist. Gives direct nursing care commensurate witheducation, training, or experiences. May also perform delegated medical acts under general supervision of physician, podiatrist, dentist, or optometrist. Provides client teaching. Collaborates with other members of the health care team. Delegates in accordance with Wisconsin Board of Nursing rules on delegation.	Implements nursing components of the client's plan of care at the direction of the registered nurse, licensed physician, dentist, optometrist, or podiatrist. Gives direct basic nursing care at the direction of the registered nurse, physician, dentist, optometrist, orpodiatrist. The LPN may perform specific procedures that are beyond basic nursing care under general or direct supervision of the RN, physician, podiatrist, dentist, or optometrist. Can assign medication administration to UAP in the role as Charge Nurse in Nursing Homes Collaborates with members of the health care team.	Provides basic nursing tasks under the direction of a licensed nurse. May accept assignment to administer medications from an LPN in nursing home. Accepts delegated tasks from the registered nurse. When implementing any delegated tasks, the UAP must be: Trained to safely perform the task. Clinically competent. Supervised by a licensed nurse. UAP must demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and abilities prior to implementation. Collaborates with members of the health care		
EVALUATION	 Evaluates responses to a nursing intervention with contributions from client, family, significant others, and/or members of the health care team. Documents and communicates evaluation of plan of care. Modify the nursing diagnosis and revise the nursing component of the client's plan of care as necessary. 	Contributes to the modification of the nursing components of the client's plan of care.	Reports any observed changes to the registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.		



Training RNs to Delegate

- Not all RNs are good delegators
- Do your RNs understand the components of Delegation
- What happens when a delegated act is "re-delegated" to someone else?





The Director of Nursing

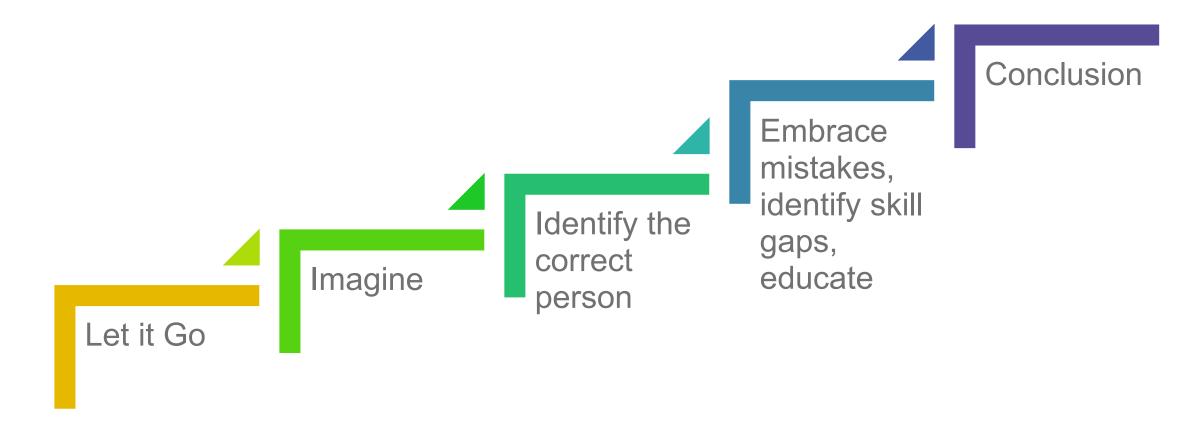
- Delegation to nurse management or charge nurses in facilities is essential for the DON
- The DON isn't in the facility 24/7
- The DON will have key RNs to monitor and manage the nursing care and implementation of facility policies and procedures



- Good judgment is essential in the decision making!
- Planning for Delegation is important.
- Make sure policies and procedures are updated and available for staff reference.











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RN Delegation

- Review your current policy on RN delegation
- Assess the skill set of the LPN and Nursing Assistant
- Provide competency- based education
- Identify any gaps in the current process on nurse delegation
- Ask the RN about nurse delegation and the overall responsibilities
- Read the state nurse practice act to determine the role of the LPN/LVN in long term care.





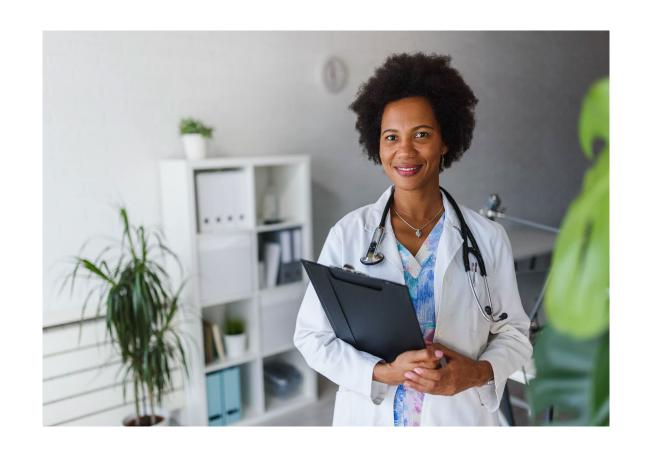
Breakout

- Discuss a situation when delegation went well
- Discuss a situation when delegation did not go as planned



Summary

- Delegation Key Strategy
- Review Current Processes
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Impact on Quality
- Educate
- Access Resources
- Monitor
- Change is Good!





"The way to bring about change is to be proactive and active".

~Octavia Spencer





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