

# L: Pediatrics

Major Competency Area: **L**

**Pediatrics**

Priority: **One**

Competency: **L-1**

**Knowledge, Assessment and Care of  
Pediatric Client / Family**

Date: September 1, 2005

A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

- L-1-1      Demonstrate ability to apply critical thinking and clinical judgment throughout the nursing process when caring for pediatric clients.**
- L-1-2      Demonstrate knowledge of human anatomy and physiology of pediatric clients:**
- cardiovascular system
  - central nervous system
  - gastrointestinal system
  - genitourinary system
  - growth and development stages
  - integumentary system
  - musculoskeletal system
  - respiratory system.
- L-1-3      Demonstrate knowledge of common pediatric diseases and medical conditions such as:**
- asthma
  - congenital anomalies
  - congenital heart disease
  - cystic fibrosis
  - downs syndrome
  - muscular dystrophy
  - respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
  - spectrum disorders
  - trauma.
- L-1-4      Demonstrate knowledge and ability to assess family environment and support.**

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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

- L-1-5 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to identify suspicion and / or signs of physical, sexual, and mental abuse of child, and report and document as per agency policy.**
- L-1-6 Demonstrate ability to perform initial and ongoing physical assessment on all ages of pediatric clients.**
- L-1-7 Demonstrate ability to perform health admissions specific to pediatric nursing.**
- L-1-8 Demonstrate ability to assess need for pain management to pediatric client:**
- age
  - behaviors associated with pain
  - cultural influence of family of infant / child
  - location and intensity of pain
  - medical treatment / intervention and potential for pain
  - physiological and emotional behaviors
  - previous medication and effectiveness
  - subjective and objective data related to pain
  - weight.
- L-1-9 Demonstrate ability to report and document related to pain management:**
- behaviors that indicate presence of pain
  - physiological and emotional changes related to pain
  - effectiveness of pain management, support
  - pain assessment results
  - time of medication or other therapy to manage pain and effectiveness
  - need to collaborate with other health professionals as necessary.

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Competency: **L-2**

**Interventions and Safety Procedures**

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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

**L-2-1 Demonstrate knowledge of safety precautions used in infant / child care such as:**

- checking mechanical equipment
- identification of client
- inspecting toys
- keeping personal care supplies out of child's reach
- knowing the physical and cognitive abilities of the infant and child
- maintain close physical contact when caring for the infant and child
- medical asepsis
- medication out of the child's sight and reach and locked up
- prevention of cross contamination
- provision of secure environment
- understanding and applying precaution when oxygen is in use.

**L-2-2 Demonstrate understanding of the legalities and agency policy regarding alternatives to restraint or use of restraint on pediatric client.**

**L-2-3 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to use protective devices as per agency policy.**

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Competency: **L-3**

**Support and Teaching to Client / Family**

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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

- L-3-1        Demonstrate ability to provide support to pediatric client / family.**
- L-3-2        Demonstrate ability to teach pediatric client / family in relation to areas such as:**
- compliance with treatment
  - diagnosis
  - discharge
  - hospital / home routine
  - medication / pain management
  - play area
  - rest period.
- L-3-3        Demonstrate ability to assist child / family to adjust to hospitalization:**
- behaviors indicating adjustment or lack of adjustment to hospitalization
  - call child by name
  - discuss concerns and involving parent or significant other
  - encourage two-way communication
  - introduce child and parent to other children in the room
  - listen to how the child feels and encourage questions
  - manage anxieties observed or expressed by client / family
  - meet the emotional needs of those involved
  - prepare equipment for admission in advance
  - provide for child and parent comfort
  - providing orientation to unit
  - use empathy in responding to fears of the child and family.
- L-3-4        Demonstrate ability to identify and meet emotional needs of family and significant others in coping with infant / child illness.**

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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

**L-3-5 Demonstrate ability to provide discharge teaching to parent and significant other:**

- referral agencies
- follow up appointment with physician
- awareness of signs and symptoms of complications
- information regarding medication, diet, exercise, and activities.

**L-3-6 Demonstrate knowledge of the roles of the health care team in assisting the pediatric client, parent, and significant other through child's illness.**

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Competency: **L-4**  
**Knowledge and Use of  
Pediatric Equipment**

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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

**L-4-1      Demonstrate knowledge and ability to safely utilize specific pediatric equipment as per agency policy.**