

L: Pediatrics

Major Competency Area: **L**

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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.