

FF: Ophthalmology

Major Competency Area: **FF**
Ophthalmology

Competency: **FF-1**
Ophthalmic Nursing

Date: June 1, 2015

A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

FF-1-1 Demonstrate knowledge of anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology related to ophthalmic nursing and ophthalmic diseases and disorders.

FF-1-2 Demonstrate knowledge of ophthalmic treatments, procedures and surgeries:

- equipment and technology
- ophthalmic diagnostics
- invasive and non-invasive
- procedures and protocols

FF-1-3 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to provide health teaching and coaching associated with ophthalmic nursing.

FF-1-4 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to communicate and collaborate with inter-professional team.

Note: Licensed Practical Nurses who practice advanced ophthalmic nursing procedures and interventions are educated and certified by the employer or have a perioperative nursing specialty.

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Competency: **FF-2**
Ophthalmic Interventions

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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

FF-2-1 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to apply critical thinking and critical inquiry throughout the nursing process in ophthalmic nursing.

FF-2-2 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to provide evidence informed, client centered care in relation to ophthalmic nursing:

- ensure and respect client choices in decision making
- assess, monitor and evaluate care
 - admission, discharge and transfer
 - medication administration
 - infusion therapy
 - monitor diagnostic tests and lab values
- prepare client for procedures, treatments and/or surgery
- implement pre/post procedure routines and protocols

FF-2-3 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to perform nursing interventions in ophthalmology setting according to agency policy.

FF-2-4 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to assist during ophthalmic treatments, procedures and surgeries including:

- review client information and consent
- explain procedure to client
- prepare instruments
- sterile hand scrub and gowning
- position client
- prepare surgical site and drape client
- provide assistance to anesthetist and surgeon
- prepare and administer medications as required
- manage complications as required
- dress surgical site
- participate in count of instruments and supplies
- ongoing monitoring of client
- collect, label and disperse specimens

A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

- FF-2-5 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to apply the principles and assist with laser procedures:**
 - manage laser safety protocols
 - calibrate laser equipment
 - input physicians calculations into laser equipment

- FF-2-6 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to manage client recovery following ophthalmic treatments, procedures and surgeries.**