

## M: Pediatrics

**Please note:** Competencies within this section of the Profile are to be taken in consideration with competencies outlined throughout this document and are not intended to be standalone.

**Important:** LPNs are responsible to ensure they have any required education or training and the individual competence prior to performing these competencies.

Major Competency

**M: Pediatrics**

Competency

**M-1: Pediatric Nursing and Interventions**

Competency Statement - A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

**M-1-1 Demonstrate knowledge of stages of growth and development of pediatric patient.**

**M-1-2 Demonstrate knowledge of common pediatric diseases and medical conditions:**

- asthma
- congenital anomalies
- congenital heart disease
- cystic fibrosis
- Down syndrome
- muscular dystrophy
- spectrum disorders (autism, fetal alcohol)

**M-1-3 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to identify, manage, and report signs or symptoms of abuse of pediatric patient according to legislation and employer requirements.**

**M-1-4 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to assess risk and implement safety measures for pediatric patient according to employer requirements.**

**M-1-5 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to apply principles of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics specific to pediatric patient.**

**M-1-6 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to adapt care to provide optimum nutrition for pediatric patient:**

- adaptive devices
- allergies, sensitivities, preferences
- conducive environment
- cultural and religious influences
- feeding techniques
- nutritional requirements and supplements
- sensory deficits

**M-1-7 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to assess home environment, family dynamics, and access to resources.**

**M-1-8 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to provide compassionate, evidence informed end of life care for pediatric patients integrating palliative principles and values:**

- appropriate palliative analgesia
- holistic care
- open dialogue regarding end of life
- spiritual and religious
- symptom management and comfort measures

**M-1-9 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to assess and provide pain management for pediatric patient:**

- physical
- psychological
- pharmacological
- cultural influence
- medication history
- subjective and objective data