

Employed Student Psychiatric Nurse (ESPN) PRACTICE ACTIVITIES



THE ESPN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AND/OR CAN PERFORM THE FOLLOWING SKILLS APPROPRIATE WITH THEIR LEVEL OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

ESPNs can perform only those practice activities for which competence has been achieved through their nursing program, and then only if authorized by the RN/RPN providing the supervision.

COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT

- Client data collection
- Mental Status
- Pain assessment
- Risk assessment, in collaboration with supervisory RPN
- Vital signs
- Documentation (reviewed and signed by supervisory RPN)
- Simple dressings
- Blood sugar testing (i.e. Glucometer)
- Bowel Protocol
- Stool & Urine specimen collection

COMMUNITY SPECIFIC

- Comply with Working Alone Policy
- Conduct Risk Screening to Include
 - Clear Exits & Bed Bug Protocol, as applicable
- Two Person Visits with ESPN- DTES

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

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| • Oral, sublingual | • Vaginal/Rectal |
| • Eye, ear, nose drops | • Transdermal patch |
| • Inhalation | • SC & SC butterfly |
| • Ointments | • IM |

Anticoagulants, Narcotics and Insulin must be prepared under supervision and co-signed by RN/RPN at all times.



THE ESPN IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR AND CANNOT PERFORM THE FOLLOWING SKILLS

Unit Leadership and the RN/RPN providing supervision have the ability to further restrict skills performed by ESPNs.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to more than 2 RPNs • Carry narcotic keys or perform narcotic count • Seclusion room care • Code white participation • Take, process or transcribe any MD/NP orders • Process or check the nightly MARS or charts • Immunization administration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constant 1:1 observation • Supervise other students and/or employees • Independent in psychiatric group sessions or outings • Independently escort/transfer clients off unit for tests or outings |
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