



Licensed Practical Nurse Scope of Practice

“An LPN typically provides the following types of services under the direction of an RN or other qualified practitioner (assuming that the LPN is personally competent to do so):

- Administers most types of medications and immunizations and blood (with additional training).
- Provides bedside nursing care in hospitals and residential health care facilities.
- Observes, measures, records, and reports data relating to a patient’s health status.
- Performs clinical procedures, such as urinary catheterizations, oral or tracheal suctioning, sterile dressing changes, and starting a peripheral IV (with additional training).
- Supervises unlicensed care staff, such as certified nurse aides (CNAs) in nursing homes.
- Identifies patient goals for consideration by the RN for possible inclusion in a patient’s care plan.” – Office of Professions Practice Information, Frequently Asked Practice Information <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/nursepracticefaq.htm>



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