

Student Nurse Limitations

1. Student nurses **may not** take verbal or telephone physician orders.
2. Student nurses **may not** transcribe physician orders.
3. Student nurses **may not** sign out or witness waste of controlled substances.
4. Student nurses **may not** perform the following nursing procedures that require OHMC certification:
 - a. PCA pump loading, programming, bolus with pump, and clearing of shift totals;
 - b. Epidural pump loading, programming, intermittent injections, and clearing of shift totals;
 - c. Independently monitoring Sheath/groin management;
 - d. Chemotherapy administration
 - e. Swallowing evaluations
5. Student nurse **may not** hang or verify blood products.
6. Student nurses **may administer oral, rectal, eye, ear, nose, SC, IM and IV (RN Students only) medications including controlled substances* as outlined below:**

*Exceptions: PCA and Epidural (see number 4 above)

- a. Students must check the above medications **prior to administration** with instructor or RN preceptor. The student must know all elements below prior to administration:
 - a. Parameters to check (such as BP, pulse or lab work)
 - b. When to hold the medication
 - c. Specific medication administration techniques (such as giving with food or having patient sit up for half an hour after administration)
 - d. Reason for giving the medication
 - e. Common side effects
 - f. Patient teaching information, if pertinent.
 - g. Usual dosage and alternate routes, if appropriate
 - h. Landmarks for administration of SC or IM medications
 - b. The student may administer oral, rectal, eye, ear, nose, SC, and IM medications independently when the instructor or RN preceptor has verified his/her competency in the method of administration.
 - c. The instructor or RN preceptor must supervise the administration of all IV medications including IV push and IV solutions with medications. The student may administer peripheral (not PICC) saline lock flushes and IV piggyback antibiotics independently after being observed and competency approved by the instructor or RN preceptor.
 - d. In addition to the elements above, the student must know the following parameters when administering any IV medication:
 - a. Compatibility of medications and IV solutions
 - b. Rate of administration of medication
 - c. Policy for administering medications through specific lines such as
 1. specific size syringe for central lines,
 2. type and amount of heparin to use when flushing central lines,
 3. application of positive pressure when administering the final amount of a medication..
7. The student may perform a peripheral IV start only under the direction of an IV Specialist 1 or 2.

Student Nurse Practicum

1. Confidentiality Agreement
2. Health Care Coverage Agreement
3. Unit Orientation Checklist
4. Notify Staffing of first day abbreviated assignment.