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#### ARTICLE 4. REGULATION (*Scope of Practice Summary LPN & RN*)

##### R4-19-401. Scope of Practice for a Practical Nurse (*LPN*)

- A. A licensed practical nurse shall provide nursing care only under the supervision of a professional nurse or licensed physician.
- B. The scope of practice for a licensed practical nurse shall include planning, implementation, documentation, and evaluation of the following:
  - 1. Providing for the emotional and physical comfort of patients;
  - 2. **Observing, recording and reporting the condition of the patients including signs and symptoms which may be indicative of change in the patient’s condition to the nurse’s immediate supervisor;**
  - 3. Performing those nursing activities for which the licensed practical nurse has been prepared through basic education and those additional skills which are obtained through approved continued education programs.
  - 4. Assisting with the rehabilitation of patients in accordance with the patient’s care plan.

##### Historical Note

Former Section III, Part II; Amended effective February 20, 1980 (Supp. 80-1). Former Section R4-19-42 renumbered as Section R4-19-401 (Supp. 86-1). Section repealed, new Section adopted effective July 19, 1995 (Supp. 95-3).

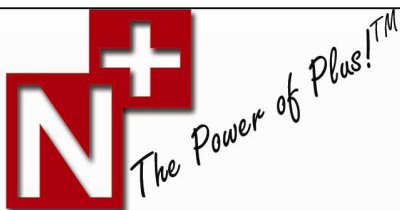
##### R4-19-402 Scope of Practice for a Professional Nurses (*RN*)

- A. The Scope of practice for a professional nurse shall include the following:
  - 1. Performing those nursing activities for which the professional nurse has been prepared through basic education and additional skills which are obtained through approved continuing education programs;
  - 2. Providing the nursing supervision in the planning for and provision of nursing care to patients and the directing and evaluating of nursing care provided by other licensed nurses and other personnel;
  - 3. Providing patient education, both individualized and to the public;
  - 4. **Assessing the patient’s needs, planning for, implementing, evaluating, and documenting the nursing care being provided to each patient.**
- B. A professional nurse shall be responsible both for the nursing care directly provided by the nurse and the care provided by others who are under the professional nurse’s supervision.

##### Historical Note

Former Section III, Part I; Amended effective February 20, 1980 (Supp. 80-1). Former Section R4-19-43 renumbered as Section R4-19-402 (Supp. 86-1). Section repealed, new Section adopted effective July 19, 1995 (Supp.95-3)

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