

# VCUHS Professional Model of Practice

## **Registered Nurse**

### **Responsibility:**

Parameter 1: The RN develops, implements, and communicates a cost-effective, quality, comprehensive nursing plan of care across the continuum for assigned patients.  
-The RN is responsible to read the previous RN note and provide care according to the plan. Progress toward goals is shared.

Parameter 2: The RN is responsible to meet the education needs of assigned patients.

### **Accountability: The RN is accountable for:**

Parameter 3: The quality of nursing practice individually and as a member of the team on the unit.

-The RN supervises the care given by the unlicensed staff on the unit.

Parameter 4: Professional judgements made and actions taken in the course of nursing practice.

Parameter 5: Professional self-development and for assisting in the development of others.

Parameter 6: Facilitating, supporting and promoting standards of practice and clinical guidelines using an interdisciplinary approach.

### **Authority: The RN has the authority to:**

Parameter 7: Exercise judgement in accepting responsibility, seeking counsel, and delegating responsibility to others.

Parameter 8: Develop, plan, initiate and evaluate patient care interventions within the scope of practice for the unit, the organization and the State of Virginia Nurse Practice Act.

## **Clinical Competence**

Parameter 9: The RN must meet the requirements for clinical competence as required by the unit, the individual department and the VCU Health System.

## **Communication**

Parameter 10: The RN communicates effectively with members of the nursing and interdisciplinary team, patients, and families.

-The following are communicated via verbal and/or written means:

Expected LOS with planned discharge date

Patient/family education needs prior to discharge

Expected outcomes for the patient

Current orders and need for update

-The RN rounds whenever possible with the physician for assigned patients.

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Parameter 11: The RN documents the nursing plan of care, the nursing care provided, the patients' responses to that care and the expected outcome(s) of that care for assigned patients.

### **Resource Management: The RN:**

Parameter 12: Practices fair and responsible management of clinical resources.

- The RN facilitates the timely and correct placement of patients according to the unit and hospital admission, discharge and transfer policies.
- Charges supplies appropriately.
- Uses patient supplies responsibly.