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Who are they?

Licensed practical nurses provide nursing care usually under the direction of medical practitioners, registered nurses or other health team members. Operating room technicians are included in this unit group.

Where they work

companies
nursing homes
community health centres

hospitals
clinics

extended care facilities

doctors' offices
rehabilitation centres
private homes

Employment Requirements

Completion of a vocational, college or other approved program for licensed practical nurses is required.

Registration with a regulatory body is required in all provinces and territories.

Completion of the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination is required in all provinces and territories except Quebec.

Operating room technicians require either additional academic training in operating room techniques or on-the-job training.



MAIN DUTIES

Licensed Practical Nurses

Provide nursing services, within defined scope of practice, to patients based on patient assessment and care planning procedures

Administer medication and observe and document therapeutic effects

Provide pre-operative and post-operative personal and comfort care

Perform nursing interventions such as taking vital signs, applying aseptic techniques including sterile dressing, ensuring infection control, monitoring nutritional intake and conducting specimen collection

Monitor patients' progress, evaluate effectiveness of nursing interventions and consult with appropriate members of healthcare team

Monitor established respiratory therapy and intravenous therapy

Provide safety and health education to individuals and their families.

Guide and assist children in the development of proper eating, dressing and toilet habits

MAIN DUTIES

Operating Room Technicians

Prepare patients for surgery by washing, shaving and sterilizing the patients' operative areas

Clean and sterilize the operating room and instruments.

Assist in surgery by laying out instruments, setting up equipment, assisting surgical teams with gowns and gloves and passing instruments to surgeons



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