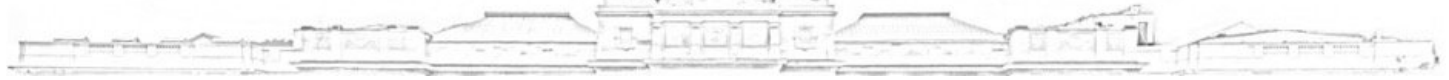




ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



24.159.1004 STANDARDS RELATED TO THE PRACTICAL NURSE'S APPLICATION OF THE NURSING PROCESS

- (1) The practical nurse shall perform standardized, focused nursing assessments in the care of clients by:
 - (a) collecting, reporting, and recording objective and subjective data in an accurate and timely manner. Data collection includes:
 - (i) observation about the condition or change in condition of the client; and
 - (ii) signs and symptoms of deviation from normal health status.
- (2) The practical nurse shall participate in the development of the strategy of care in collaboration with other members of the health team by:
 - (a) providing data;
 - (b) identifying priorities;
 - (c) setting realistic and measurable goals;
 - (d) identifying measures to maintain comfort, support human functions and responses, and maintain an environment conducive to well-being; and
 - (e) providing health teaching.
- (3) The practical nurse shall participate in the implementation of the strategy of care by:
 - (a) providing nursing care for clients under the supervision of licensed health care providers as per 37-8-102, MCA;
 - (b) providing an environment conducive to safety and health; and
 - (c) documenting and otherwise communicating nursing interventions and client responses to care with other members of the health care team via written, electronic, or verbal mechanisms of communication, as appropriate, based on client evaluations.
- (4) The practical nurse shall contribute to the modification of the strategy of care.

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