

The six Standards of Practice describe a competent level of transplant nursing as demonstrated by the critical thinking model known as the nursing process. The nursing process includes the components of assessment, diagnosis, outcomes identification, planning, implementation, and evaluation. The nursing process encompasses all significant actions taken by registered nurses and forms the foundation of the nurse's decision-making.

## STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR TRANSPLANT NURSING

### STANDARD 1. ASSESSMENT

The transplant nurse collects comprehensive data pertinent to the patient's health or the situation.

### STANDARD 2. DIAGNOSIS

The transplant nurse analyzes the assessment data to determine the nursing diagnoses or health-related problems or needs.

### STANDARD 3. OUTCOMES IDENTIFICATION

The transplant nurse identifies expected outcomes for a plan individualized to the patient or the situation.

### STANDARD 4. PLANNING

The transplant nurse develops a plan that prescribes strategies and alternatives to attain expected outcomes.

### STANDARD 5. IMPLEMENTATION

The transplant nurse implements the identified plan.

#### STANDARD 5A. COORDINATION OF CARE

The transplant nurse coordinates care delivery.

#### STANDARD 5B. HEALTH TEACHING AND HEALTH PROMOTION

The transplant nurse employs strategies to promote health and a safe environment.

#### STANDARD 5C. CONSULTATION

The transplant nurse coordinator or advanced practice registered nurse provides consultation to influence the plan of care, enhance the abilities of others, and effect changes.

#### STANDARD 5D. PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY AND TREATMENT

The advanced practice registered nurse uses prescriptive authority, procedures, referrals, treatments, and therapies in accordance with state and national laws and regulations.

### STANDARD 6. EVALUATION

The transplant nurse evaluates progress towards attainment of outcomes.

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The nine Standards of Professional Performance describe a competent level of behavior in the transplant nursing role, including activities related to quality of practice, education, professional practice evaluation, collegiality, collaboration, ethics, research, resource utilization, and leadership. All registered nurses are expected to engage in professional role activities, including leadership, appropriate to their education and position. Registered nurses are accountable for their professional actions to themselves, their patients, their peers, and ultimately to society.

**STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE FOR TRANSPLANT NURSING**

**STANDARD 7. QUALITY OF PRACTICE**

The transplant nurse systematically enhances the quality and effectiveness of nursing practice.

**STANDARD 8. EDUCATION**

The transplant nurse attains knowledge and competency that reflects current nursing practice.

**STANDARD 9. PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EVALUATION**

The transplant nurse evaluates one's own nursing practice in relation to professional practice standards and guidelines, relevant statutes, rules, and regulations.

**STANDARD 10. COLLEGIALITY**

The transplant nurse interacts with, and contributes to the professional development of, peers, colleagues, and others.

**STANDARD 11. COLLABORATION**

The transplant nurse collaborates with patients, the family, and others in the conduct of nursing practice.

**STANDARD 12. ETHICS**

The transplant nurse integrates ethical provisions into all areas of practice.

**STANDARD 13. RESEARCH**

The transplant nurse integrates research findings into practice.

**STANDARD 14. RESOURCE UTILIZATION**

The transplant nurse considers factors related to safety, effectiveness, cost, and impact on practice in the planning and delivery of nursing services.

**STANDARD 15. LEADERSHIP**

The transplant nurse provides leadership in the professional practice setting and the profession.

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