

U: Oncology

Major Competency Area: U
Oncology

Competency: U-1
Oncology Nursing

Date: January 16, 2017

A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

- U-1-1 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to apply critical thinking and critical inquiry throughout the nursing process related to oncology.**
- U-1-2 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of pathophysiology, disease progression, treatment and prognosis of cancer found in found in pediatric and adult clients.**
- U-1-3 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to provide health teaching and coaching to client, family and others throughout oncology nursing.**
- U-1-4 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to communicate, consult and collaborate with inter-professional team.**

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Competency: U-2
Oncology Interventions

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A Licensed Practical Nurse will:

- U-2-1 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to provide evidence informed, client centered care in relation to oncology nursing including:**
- acute and chronic physical changes
 - changes in body image, self-esteem
 - co-morbidities
 - etiology of symptoms
 - holistic health assessment
 - pain assessment and management
 - potential changes in sexual function, intimacy
 - psychosocial, spiritual and cultural needs
 - relevant clinical data
 - self-injection and medication management
 - side effects and complications
 - type of cancer and prognosis
- U-2-2 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to develop a therapeutic relationship with client, family and others in support of ethical, informed decision making and advocacy throughout care.**
- U-2-3 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to provide care related to progression of cancer disease process:**
- clinical presentation (signs and symptoms)
 - co-morbidities
 - complications
 - risk factors/genetic predisposition
 - prognosis
 - palliation
 - surgery (diagnosis/treatment)
 - treatment modalities
 - treatment side-effects
- U-2-4 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to apply principles of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics specific to medication management in oncology nursing.**

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U-2-5 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of indications, mechanism of action, risk factors and side effects related to:

- biotherapy/hormones
- chemotherapeutic agents
- combined modalities
- complementary and alternative therapies
- hematopoietic stem cell transplant
- palliative therapies
- radiation therapy
- surgery (diagnostic/treatment)

U-2-6 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to assist with invasive interventions, treatments and procedures associated with oncological nursing.

U-2-7 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to assess and monitor clinical manifestations/risk factors for oncologic urgent and emergent events including:

- antidiuretic hormone secretion syndrome
- disseminated intravascular coagulation
- hemorrhage
- hypercalcemia
- malignant bowel obstruction
- neoplastic cardiac tamponade
- neutropenia
- post-surgical complications
- sepsis/febrile neutropenia
- spinal cord compression
- superior vena cava syndrome
- tumor lysis syndrome

U-2-8 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to recognize and report oncological urgent and emergent events and collaborate with inter-professional team as necessary.

U-2-9 Demonstrate knowledge and ability to support client to navigate the healthcare system in collaboration with inter-professional team.