

Delegation Activity

You are working on a medical floor. It is 1000 and your morning meds and assessments are done. You are looking at your work list when you get a call from the charge nurse. You will be getting an admit in 30 minutes. Your RN buddy asks, "What can I do to help you?" What tasks can you delegate to her? Also remember that there is a certified nurse assistant, respiratory therapist, physical therapist, social worker, volunteer and nursing student on the floor that can be delegated tasks.

Work List:

Oral pain med for room 1

Dressing change room 5



Room 3 needs a lunch menu filled out and faxed to dietary

The admit to room 4 will need an admission and assessment

An antibiotic needs to be hung in room 2 before 1100

Bed change is needed in room 1

Room 2 is requesting a PRN breathing treatment








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Tasks	 	 	 Lunch Menu		
Person to do task					
Rationale					

Bonus: If you had no help available, how would you prioritize the patient care tasks? Number the tasks in order of priority.

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Suggested answers: Work List:

2. Oral pain med for room 1
7. Dressing change room 5
6. Room 3 needs a lunch menu filled out and faxed to dietary (can be dropped off in between other tasks and picked up later)
3. The admit to room 4 will need an admission and assessment
4. An antibiotic needs to be hung in room 2 before 1100
5. Bed change is needed in room 1 (can be done with # 2)
1. Room 2 is requesting a PRN breathing treatment

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Person to do task	CNA- bed change Buddy RN- pain med	RT- breathing treatment Primary RN- hang antibiotic	Volunteer	Primary RN	Primary RN/ nursing student
Rationale	The RN can assess for pain and give pain med. The CNA can change the bed. If the care is coordinated, the RN can assist the bed change.	The patient is asking for a breathing treatment. This could be a change in status. Bring the Antibiotic in the room and assess the patient. Give the antibiotic. The breathing treatment can then be delegated to RT.	A volunteer can get the lunch menu and fax it. Patient questions/needs must be addressed by the Primary RN.	A new patient should be assessed by Primary RN.	This is a good opportunity for a nursing student who is competent in dressing changes. The primary RN will be available to help and will assess the dressing after it is changed.