

What is a General Duty Assistant?

A healthcare professional who provides nursing care to patients under the supervision of nurses in a hospital.

A GDA might spend more time with patients than other health care providers in a hospital.

There are certain professional practices which must be followed and certain practices which must be avoided by a General Duty Assistant. Let's see what are they?



Practices to Follow

- Enquire and know your work schedule and rotation from your preceptor or supervisor.
- Keep patient's health records private and confidential. This is a legal regulation governed under the Health Information Patient Privacy Act (HIPPA). Seek clarification on it when needed.
- Master the routine tasks and specific procedures assigned by your preceptor.
- Always follow and make up the procedures you had to perform, in case of missed hours.



Practices to Avoid

- Never advise patients without the doctor's/ nurse's authority.
- Never accept payment, either directly or indirectly, from a patient.
- Never request to be placed with someone you are related to.

