

- NR.5.3.7 Use of pulse oximetry.
- NR.5.3.8 Nursing role in cardiac/respiratory arrest.
- NR.5.3.9 Nasogastric, gastrostomy and feeding tubes.
- NR.5.3.10 Urinary catheters.
- NR.5.3.11 Sterile dressings.
- NR.5.3.12 Skin care and prevention and care of pressure ulcers.
- NR.5.3.13 Nursing role in disaster, fire, and other emergencies.
- NR.5.3.14 Use of restraints.
- NR.5.3.15 Operation of blood sugar testing equipment.
- NR.5.3.16 Managing chemical spills.
- NR.5.3.17 Use of blood, blood products, and blood -related procedures (e.g., phlebotomy and blood administration).

NR.6**Sufficient nurses are available to meet the needs of patients.**

- NR.6.1 The nursing director develops a staffing plan that maintains an adequate staffing level in all nursing units.
- NR.6.2 The staffing plan identifies an evidence-based estimation of the number of staff needed per shift, considering all relevant factors (e.g., patient acuity, patient care hours, size of the hospital, scope of services provided).
- NR.6.3 Nursing staff are allocated according to the skill level, qualifications, patients volume and acuity, and in accordance with laws and regulations and nursing licensing boards.

NR.7**The nursing department provides regularly updated work schedule.**

- NR.7.1 There is a nursing scheduling policy that defines:
 - NR.7.1.1 Duration of working shifts (e.g., 12 hours, or 8 hours).
 - NR.7.1.2 Assignment of overtime when needed.
 - NR.7.1.3 On-call requirements.
 - NR.7.1.4 Vacation schedules.
 - NR.7.1.5 Method for approving change of schedule.
 - NR.7.1.6 Participation in education/training activities.
 - NR.7.1.7 Participation in designated committees, departmental meetings, and quality improvement activities.
- NR.7.2 The work schedule provides an adequate number of staff on every shift.

NR.8**There is a process for assignment of nurses out of their normal working areas.**

- NR.8.1 The nursing director ensures that nurses assigned out of their normal working area have the competency required for safe and effective patient care.
- NR.8.2 The nursing director maintains a list of cross-trained nurses and makes it available for all nursing units.

NR.9**Nursing services are provided by qualified nurses.**

- NR.9.1 The nursing director ensures the availability of adequate number of licensed registered nurses to provide nursing care for all patients.
- NR.9.2 Each unit has a head nurse/nurse manager with the required nursing and managerial experience.