

South Dakota Board of Nursing **LPN Scope of Practice**

This table provides a list with some of the tasks LPNs may or may not be allowed to perform. Keep in mind that in order for a task to be within a nurse's scope the appropriately prepared nurse must:

- Be educated and competent to perform the procedure or activity;
- Have an appropriate medical order for the procedure;
- Practice according to accepted standards of practice;
- Have a facility policy or procedure in place that supports the performance of the task or activity, as appropriate; and
- Have in place adequate level supervision by a registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, licensed physician, or other health care provider authorized by the state.

LPN Task/Responsibility	May perform if in individual LPN scope	May Not Perform
Charge Nurse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept role of charge nurse, team leader in stable nursing setting. Supervise unlicensed personnel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervise licensed health professionals. Since LPNs are required in law to be supervised, the LPN should not supervise licensed providers.
Dialysis: Hemodialysis and Peritoneal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform following completion of additional education pursuant to ARSD 20:48:04:02.03. Provide for clients 12 year and older. Initiate, monitor and discontinue dialysis treatments for peripheral or central catheter accesses according to IV therapy guidelines described below. 	
Foley Catheter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insert and remove. 	
Gastrostomy Tube	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change or replace tube. Administer medication via tube. 	
Intravenous (IV) Therapy <i>Peripheral and Externally Accessed Central Lines</i> <i>Pursuant to ARSD 20:48:04:06 and 20:48:04:07</i>	<p><i>For both peripheral & externally accessed central lines, may:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide for patients 12 years and older. Perform peripheral venipuncture for IV therapy. Assemble and maintain equipment for gravity drip infusion and electronic controlling devices. Calculate and adjust infusion rates using standard formulas. Perform routine tubing set changes. Administer standard (maintenance) solutions at a defined flow rate, with or without admixtures, mixed and labeled by a pharmacist, RN, or physician. Administer vitamins, antibiotics, corticosteroids, and H2 antagonists by piggyback route, mixed and labeled by a pharmacist, RN, or physician. Perform routine dressing changes. Perform routine saline and heparin flushes. <p><i>For Peripheral lines only, may:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convert and flush intermittent infusion devices with saline or heparin. Discontinue and remove (not including midlines or PICC lines) 	<p><i>For Peripheral & externally accessed central lines, may not:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assemble and maintain equipment for <i>client-controlled</i> devices, e.g. PCA pump. Administer IV solutions with potassium chloride added at concentration that exceeds 20 meq/liter or at a rate that exceeds 10 meq/hour. Administer first dose of vitamins, antibiotics, corticosteroids, and H2 antagonists (must be administered by RN). Administer medications by direct IV push or bolus route. Administer blood or blood products (may assist with monitoring). Administer fat emulsions (may assist with monitoring). Administer total parenteral nutrition (may assist with monitoring). Administer Chemotherapy (may assist with monitoring); or Administer any medications by intravenous route not authorized by § 20:48:04:06.
Laboratory Blood Draws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform peripheral venipuncture according to lab requirements for all ages, same as a phlebotomist. Aspirate blood from central lines for patients 12 years and older according to standards of nursing practice and lab requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insert or discontinue/remove midlines, PICCs, central lines, and port-a-cath needles.
Medication Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer oral, SQ, IM, topical, rectal, vaginal, inhalation, eye, and ear. Delegate to a registered Med Aide in accordance with ARSD 20:48:04.01. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delegate SQ insulin administration to unlicensed assistive persons (UAP) or unlicensed diabetes aides (UDA).
Naso-gastric Tube	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insert and remove. Administer medication via tube. 	
Patient Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with admission and discharge of patients. 	
Physician Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive and document verbal orders. 	
Trach Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suction, perform dressing changes. 	
Suprapubic Catheter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change or replace tube. 	
Wound Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perform sterile, complex dressing changes, Remove sutures and staples. 	