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POLICY ON THE USE OF CLINICAL SKILLS AND SIMULATION LABS

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Preamble: Students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner when in the Nursing Lab. Specific rules are in place to ensure student safety as well as the preservation of Nursing Lab resources.

PURPOSE

To provide general and specific guidelines for use of clinical and simulation lab to faculty and students.

POLICIES

1. The overall clinical and simulation lab activities of Narayana college of Nursing will be coordinated under the leadership of the respective lab incharges.
2. A master plan for the simulation lab use will be scheduled by the simulation lab coordinator.
3. The departments are responsible to plan the required hours as per the course.
4. The responsible faculty of each department will execute the learning activities as per the schedule.
5. The faculty undergoes various training programs and workshops periodically to update their knowledge and skills in using the centre.



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GENERAL LAB GUIDELINES

1. The lab users are expected to display courteous and professional conduct.
2. The lab is to be treated as clinical setting at all times.
3. Children, friends and family members are not allowed in the Nursing Lab. Only Nursing students are allowed to practice in Open Lab. No eating or drinking in the lab.
4. Proper hand hygiene is an important part of nursing practice. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are available for use.
5. No products in the lab are safe for human ingestion, injection or infusion (via skin, oral, vaginal or rectal routes). Products and supplies in the Nursing Lab are intended for teaching purposes only and are not safe for human or animal use.
6. Mannequins should be treated like “real” patients. Please ask lab personnel for any questions regarding mannequin use.
7. Mannequins have IV bags of simulated blood attached to them. Please be aware of these when moving the mannequins into other positions.
8. Students should not use ink pens or markers at the patient bedsides. These items will permanently stain the mannequins.
9. Povidone Iodine (Betadine) and Chlorprep swabs will also permanently stain the mannequins. Do not use any of these products that might come in any of the lab kits. Please simulate using these items.
10. Students are expected to leave the Nursing Lab in good condition. Please return all supplies to lab personnel or to the area you found them. Properly dispose of all sharps and trash.
11. Sharps are to be placed in sharps boxes after use. No re-capping or reusing needles or IV catheters. Please dispose of these items in the sharps containers.
12. No equipment or supplies may be taken out of the Nursing Lab without approval.

SIMULATION SCHEDULE

1. The activities that need to be performed by each department will be planned and implemented by the subject coordinators. Any change in schedule need to be informed and rescheduled.



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2. The student's attendance and feedback regarding the sessions will be collected.

EQUIPMENT REQUEST AND GUIDELINES

1. No equipment or supplies may be removed from the lab.
2. Any damage to the equipment or supplies should be reported immediately.
3. Unused supplies are to be left on the patient bedside table.

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