

What Not to Delegate...

- ❖ Initial Nursing Assessment and any subsequent assessment that requires professional RN knowledge, critical thinking, and complex skill.
- ❖ Sterile procedures
- ❖ Anything that requires critical thinking or clinical nursing judgement
- ❖ Development of Nursing Care Plan
- ❖ Piercing or severing of tissues except as authorized in RCW 18.79.260
- ❖ Nursing process

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Registered Nurses and Delegation

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Five Rights of Delegation

1. RIGHT TASK

(One that can be delegated for a specific patient.)

2. RIGHT CIRCUMSTANCES

(Appropriate setting, available resources, and other relevant factors.)

3. RIGHT PERSON

(The right person is delegating the right task to be performed on the right person.)

4. RIGHT COMMUNICATION

(Clear, concise description of the task, including objectives, limits, and expectations.)

5. RIGHT SUPERVISION

(Appropriate monitoring, evaluation, intervention, and as needed, feedback.)

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DELEGATION AND SUPERVISION

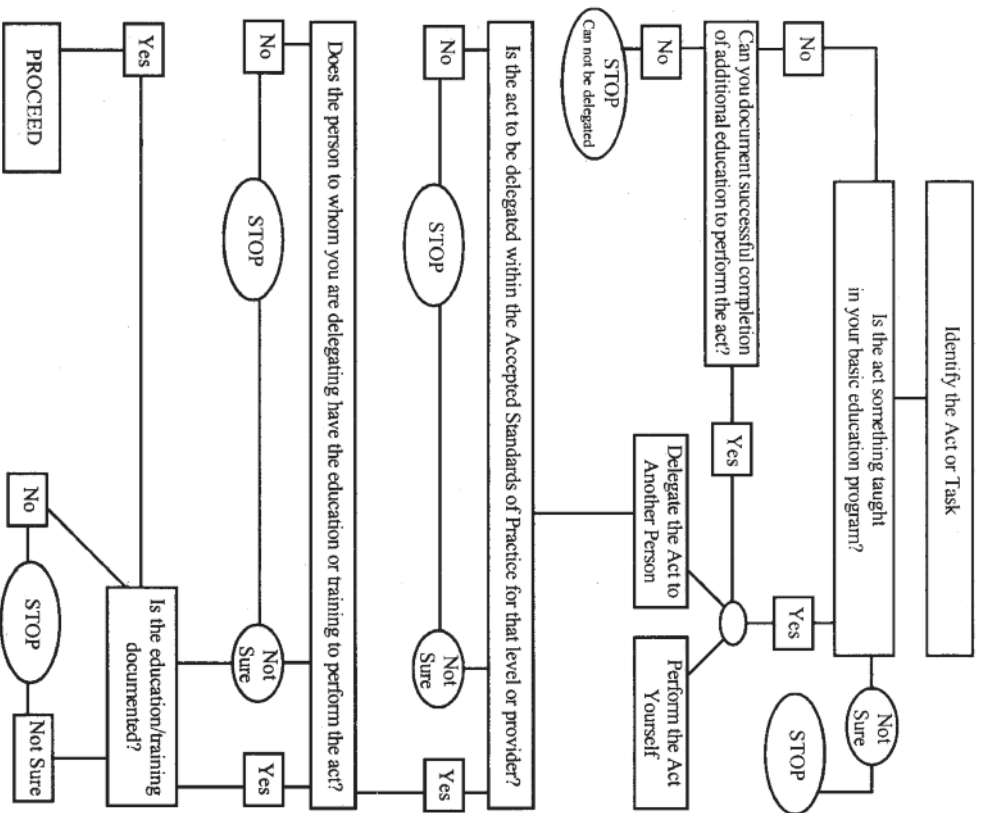
WAC 246-840-700 (ii) Standard II Delegation and Supervision: The registered nurse is accountable for the safety of clients receiving nursing service by: (A) Delegating selected nursing functions to others in accordance with their education, credentials, and demonstrated competence as defined in **WAC 246-840-010 (10)**; (B) Supervising others to whom the RN has delegated nursing functions as defined in **WAC 246-840-010 (10)**; (C) Evaluating the outcomes of care provided by licensed and other paraprofessionals staff.

Delegation of Nursing Care Tasks In Community-based and In-home Care Settings WAC 246-840-910: Purpose: A licensed RN may delegate specific nursing care tasks to nursing assistants meeting certain requirements and providing care to individuals in a community-based care setting and to individuals in an in-home care setting. Before delegating a task the RN delegator determines that specific criteria are met and the patient is in a stable and predictable condition. RN delegators shall **not** delegate the following care tasks:

1. Administration of medications by injection (by intramuscular, intradermal, subcutaneous, intraosseous, intravenous, or otherwise), with the exception of insulin injections.
2. Sterile procedures.
3. Central line maintenance.
4. Acts that require nursing judgment.

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Delegation Decision Tree



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Washington State Nurses Association (206) 575-7979
- Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission .. (360) 236-4702
- RN/LPN Exam (360) 236-4706
- Practice Issues (360) 236-4725
- American Nurses Association (800) 274-4262
- NSO Insurance Company (800) 247-1500
- Washington Health Professional Services (360) 236-2880