



NURSING MANAGEMENT OF INVASIVE DEVICES (CATHETER, LINES AND TUBES)



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Respiratory System -Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) With Specialized Education and Training

	Initial Insertion	Initiate Oxygen	Instill medication	Position or reposition	Monitor insertion	Perform Dressing Changes	Maintain patency	Regulate O2 flow rate	Collect specimens	Permanently Remove
Upper Airway:										
Naso-oral	yes	yes	N/A	yes	yes	N/A	yes	yes	yes	yes
Lower Airway:										
Endotracheal	no	yes	yes (1)	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
Supraglottic Airway	no	yes	N/A	no	yes	N/A	yes	yes	N/A	yes
Tracheostomy	no (2)	yes	yes	yes (2)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
Chest Tubes	no	N/A	no	no	yes	yes	yes (3)	N/A	no	no
Needle Decompression	no	N/A	N/A	N/A	no	N/A	no	N/A	N/A	no

Footnotes for Respiratory System - Licensed Practical Nurse With Specialized Education and Training:

- 1 LPNs who have completed specialized education and training may perform these functions.
- 2 LPNs who have completed specialized education and training may remove, reinsert or reposition a tracheostomy tube in a patient with a well established stoma.
- 3 LPNs who have completed specialized education and training to "milk" chest tubes per agency policy.

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