**Intervention suggestions for Non-critical care nurses working within the ICU setting**

Note: Please collaborate with the most responsible nurse to determine the appropriateness of interventions considering your professional scope, individual patient needs and the timing of planned interventions based on scheduled care.

**Activities of Daily Living (ADL)**

* Assist with bathing and linen changes
* Assist with incontinence care PRN
* Turn & Reposition
* Mouth care q2 hours and PRN
* Ensure heels and elbows are protected

**Point of Care Testing/labs**

* Finger picks (typically q6hr for patients receiving TPN and tube feeds)
* Obtain blood specimens from central lines and arterial lines
* Obtain urine specimens from foley catheters
* Obtain stool samples (e.g. for C-diff)
* Deliver specimens to the lab

**Vital signs**

* Obtain & document temperatures (q4 hours, and 1 hr post Tylenol administration for fever)
* Notify most responsible RN of changes in patient status

**Insertion/removal of lines/drain**

* PIV initiation and discontinuation
* NG/feeding tube insertion and discontinuation
* Foley catheter insertion and discontinuation

**Medication/blood product administration**

* Retrieve medications from the Omnicell
* Perform IDDC with ICU nurses for high alert medication
* Administer & document medication via the oral route as prescribed in consult with ICU RN
* Administer & document flushes and medications via enteral route as prescribed in consult with ICU RN
* Prepare and start IV infusions (primary & secondary) in consult with ICU RN
* Retrieve blood products from the lab
* IDDC blood products prior to administration
* Administration and monitoring infusion of blood products

**Documentation**

* Document all care provided
* Assist with collecting and entering IDB data for admitted patients
* Assist with completing the Medication History (BPMH) for admitted patients

**Other**

* Dressing changes
* Answering telephones and call bells
* Order entry
* Room set-up for new admissions
* Assisting with positioning during x-rays
* Replenish supplies from isolation carts
* Make ICU admission kits (for bedside drawers)
* Assist with care of the deceased patient; accompany body to the morgue
* Assist with procedures requiring Conscious Sedation