

Nursing Roles in a Point of Dispensing Station

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Objectives

- **List the roles of a nurse during a Point of Dispensing (POD)**
- **List the duties of each nursing role in a POD**

Nurse in Charge

- **Qualifications**
 - **Registered Nurse (RN)**
 - **Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Training required**
 - **The first SNS trained RN to arrive on the scene prior to the beginning of operations will be designated the Nurse in Charge**

Nurse in Charge

- **Duties**
 - **Coordinates with POD Facility Manager and EMA to determine POD layout and operations**
 - **Orients staff on patient assessment methods and makes staff assignments**

Nurse in Charge

- **Manages flow of patient assessment operations**
- **Assesses, communicates, and manages staffing and supply needs**

Nurse in Charge

- Serves as a technical resource to the nursing staff conducting intake assessments
- Functions as an intake assessor when needed

Symptomatic Intake Triage Nurse

- **Qualifications**
 - Registered Nurse
 - SNS training preferred but not mandated
 - Just in time training acceptable

Symptomatic Intake Triage Nurse

- **Duties**
 - Assesses patients for signs and symptoms of potential disease processes prior to entrance into the POD

Symptomatic Intake Triage Nurse

- Questions patients concerning their current physical conditions while using observational skills to assess physical status
- Directs all symptomatic patients to the hospital transfer area

Intake Triage Nurse

- **Qualifications**
 - Registered Nurse
 - SNS Training preferred, but not mandated
 - Just in time training acceptable

Intake Triage Nurse

- **Duties**
 - Reviews the patient intake form for completeness, medication history, and allergies
 - Confirms form responses are correct

Intake Triage Nurse

- Chooses the most appropriate medication therapy based on form responses
- Directs the patient to the appropriate dispensing station

Station 3 Triage Nurse

- **Qualifications**
 - Registered Nurse
 - SNS Training preferred, but not mandated
 - Just in time training acceptable

Station 3 Triage Nurse

- **Duties**
 - Works as a member of a three person (physician, nurse, pharmacist) team to determine if treatment is possible based on the patient's complex medical conditions

Station 3 Triage Nurse

- Reviews medical history and current physical condition
- Makes appropriate referrals based on physical condition, including hospital referrals

Dispensing Nurse

- **Qualification**
 - Registered Nurse
 - SNS POD training preferred but not mandated
 - Just in time training acceptable

Dispensing Nurse

- **Duties**
 - Reviews presented prescriptions from the patient intake form
 - Reviews the patient medication history, allergies, contraindications, and determines if chosen medication therapy is correct

Dispensing Nurse

- Provides abbreviated counseling regarding the chosen medication therapy including the importance of completing the entire medication regimen to the patient
- Provides drug information sheets for the medication dispensed

Dispensing Nurse

- Provides appropriate medication
- Provides Notification to Primary Care Provider Forms to patients receiving medication
- Provides Referral Forms to patients that will require a medical evaluation before medications can be provided

First Aid Nurse

- **Qualifications**
 - Registered Nurse
 - Advance specialization or registered nurse practitioner preferred
 - SNS training preferred, but not mandated
 - Just in time training acceptable

First Aid Nurse

- Good physical and observational assessment skills, as well as interpersonal communication skills

First Aid Nurse

- **Duties**
 - Assists patients that become ill or that may have suffered an injury while in the POD
 - Questions patient regarding their current physical status
 - Employs observational skills to assess physical status of the patient

First Aid Nurse

- Documents assessment findings on patient assessment form
- Provides appropriate intervention, up to and including referral to hospital