Knowledge Assessments for Nurses

**National League for Nursing (NLN) Basic Proficiency in Medication Administration for RNs**

During the first week of hire, you will be taking the NLN Basic Proficiency in Medication Administration for RNs (date/time noted on your orientation schedule).

- All Experienced and Newly Licensed RNs will take the assessment.
- The test is computer based, 60 multiple-choice questions, with a 75 minute time allowance. The test includes three categories of questions:
  - Calculations
  - Principles of Medication Administration
  - Drug Effects
- Three subset scores and an overall score are provided to the test taker upon completion of the assessment.
- An overall score of 80% is required for successful completion of the assessment and prior to the RN administering medications to patients.
  - If an overall score of 80% is not attained, opportunity to retake the assessment will be provided. Three attempts are allowed for the test.
  - Calculators may be utilized during the assessment.

A resource to assist you in preparing for this Assessment: *Assessment Technologies Institute, Pharmacology for Nursing, Version 5.0* may be obtained from the LVHN-Cedar Crest Library, Monday-Friday, 12:30 to 4:30 PM.

**Basic Knowledge Assessment (BKAT) for: Critical Care, Progressive, Pediatric, and Emergency Medicine experienced nurses.**

Experienced RNs accepting positions in Critical Care, Progressive, Pediatric ICU, and Emergency Departments will take an assessment exam to assess their current knowledge in the assigned specialty. A score of 80% is preferred on the exam. Those nurses who do not achieve an 80% on the exam will be remediated through various educational methods.

**Cardiac Rhythm Interpretation Challenge**

This challenge is for RNs who have telemetry experience and will be working in a department that uses telemetry. Passing score is 88%; if you do not pass the challenge then you will be signed up for the Cardiac Rhythm Interpretation Course. The course includes eLearning modules and an instructor-led workshop. There will be a final test at the end of the work day. Those with no telemetry experience will take the course.