

25 patient care tasks and their abbreviations in plots of tasks (Figures 2 and 3). Note: pt = Patient; NG = Nasogastric; NP = Nasopharyngeal; BF = Body fluid; SQ = Subcutaneous; IM = Intramuscular; IV = Intravenous line; PIV = Peripheral intravenous line; CL = Central line; cath = catheter.

Patient Care Tasks:	Task Abbreviations in Figures 2 and 3:
Administering an IV medication or flush.	Administer IV med
Drawing peripheral blood.	Draw peripheral blood
Changing a stage-4 pressure ulcer dressing.	Change ulcer dressing
Inserting a urinary catheter.	Insert urinary cath
Assisting an ambulatory patient out of bed.	Assist pt out of bed
Changing or applying a PIV dressing.	Change PIV dressing
Cleaning up a body fluid spill on the floor.	Clean BF spill
Performing perineal care.	Perform pericare
Inserting an NG tube in an awake patient.	Insert NG tube
Changing a central line dressing.	Change CL dressing
Administering SQ medicine.	Administer SQ med
Toileting in bed with a bedpan (no measurement or specimen collection).	Toileting in bed
Performing oral care on a non-intubated patient.	Perform oral care
Collecting a specimen from a wound.	Collect wound specimen
Collecting a stool specimen from a diaper, bedpan, or half-hat.	Collect stool specimen
Auscultating breath, heart, or abdominal sounds.	Auscultate
Emptying a body fluid from a drain.	Empty BF drain
Drawing blood from a central line.	Draw CL blood
Administering IM medicine.	Administer IM med
Obtaining an NP specimen.	Obtain NP specimen
Transferring a patient to or from a bed or stretcher.	Transfer pt
Repositioning a patient in bed.	Reposition pt
Collecting a specimen of voided urine.	Collect urine specimen
Inserting a PIV in an upper extremity.	Insert PIV
Bathing a patient (not including perineal care).	Bathe pt