

## Examples, FAQs, & Additional Guidance for Kentucky Board of Nursing RN/LPN Scope of Practice Comparison Chart

### Nursing Diagnosis

The RN formulates a nursing diagnosis after:

- Completion of an Assessment
- Review and Interpretation of Data/Information Collected
  - Data may have been obtained by other healthcare team members (LPN, unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP), etc.)

- **Example:** Mr. Jones returned to his room following a procedure, at which time the following assessment data was collected by the LPN and UAP.
- **UAP Data:** Vital signs: BP 180/102, HR 98, O2 92% on RA, Temp 98.1.
  - **LPN Data:** Patient is diaphoretic, demonstrates signs/symptoms of discomfort, and verbally rates pain of an 8 on the numeric pain scale. The LPN also reports auscultation of bilateral crackles.

The RN reviews the data, performs an independent assessment, and formulates a nursing diagnosis of decreased cardiac output. The RN is then able to determine if further assessment is needed, and the RN or LPN notifies the qualified healthcare provider for further evaluation of the patient.