

RN/LPN Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total Parenteral Nutrition – TPN  
Competency Check List**

Element of Performance	Yes	No	Comment
1. Before administering TPN, the nurse demonstrates that s/he has verified that the TPN solution is the correct one based on the M.D. order and the product label. This is done with 2 Licensed Nurses.			
2. Before administering TPN, the nurse administering the TPN verifies that the TPN			
a). Is stable on visual examination and does not have “broken emulsion” that is clear yellow oil across the top. “cottage cheese” that is caking of the fat on the side of the bag. Or “creaming” which is densely white chalky top and skimmed milk on the bottom.			
b). Has not expired.			
c). The TPN bag is at room temperature			
3. Before administering TPN, the nurse administering the TPN verifies that the TPN is being administered:			
a). At the proper time			
b). Proper rate			
c). Proper volume			
4. Before administering TPN, the nurse administering the TPN verifies that the TPN is being administered:			
a). With the addition of vitamins.			
b). Other additives			
5. Before administering TPN, the nurse administering the TPN can demonstrate the ability to:			
a). Prepare the IV tubing			
b). Attach tubing to the pump			
c). Prime the tubing			
d). Change batteries			
e). Flush the IV catheter			
f). Start the TPN administration			
g). Disconnect the TPN when complete			
h). Aseptic technique is used in the set-up, administration, and catheter management.			
6. The nurse demonstrates the ability on the med station to:			
a). Remove a medication			
b). Return a medication			
c). Waste a controlled medication			
7. The nurse is able to articulate his/her responsibility to report all complications to the Physician.			
8. The nurse is able to articulate his/her responsibility to report all errors made in the administration of TPN to the nursing supervisor.			

Reviewer/Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_