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Group Work (PIE) – 2021

Mr. L.B., an 81-year-old male, was admitted to a medical-surgical room following surgery for repair of a fractured right distal femur. He has a history of rheumatoid arthritis and had fallen at the boardwalk, thus fracturing his femur.

You are taking care of Mr. L.B. on post-op day **one**.

Mr. L.B.'s orders included:

- VS q 4°
- Neurovascular checks Q4°
- Diet: Progress as tolerated
- IV: LR @ 100 ml/hr
- Bedrest until PT evaluation
- Partial weight-bearing R leg
- Knee immobilizer on when OOB
- EPC's on while in bed
- IS q hr while awake
- Overhead frame & trapeze
- Cryocuff to R knee while in bed
- Reinforce dressing post-op day 1, daily dressing change beginning day 2.
- Hemoglobin & Hematocrit (H & H) daily x 3 days
- X-ray to R femur in AM
- Cefazolin 1gm IV q 6°
- Morphine 2 mg IV q 2° prn pain

You begin your nursing care at 0830 on post-op day one. He is awake & alert. His pain level is "6" on 0-10 scale. He's resting in bed with his knee immobilizer on. His wife is at his bedside and the physician visits during your shift. You are expecting physical therapy this morning.