Unit 2 Assessment
Vocabulary List

Assessing: the process of collecting, organizing, validating, and recording data (information) about a client's health status

Cephalocaudal: proceeding in the direction from head to toe

Closed questions: restrictive question requiring only a short answer

Covert data (symptoms, subjective data): information (data) apparent only to the person affected that can be described or verified only by that person

Cues: any piece of information or data that influences decisions

Directive interview: a highly structured interview that uses closed questions to elicit specific information

Inferences: interpretations or conclusions made based on cues or observed data

Interview: a planned communication; a conversation with a purpose

Leading question: a question that influences the client to give a particular answer

Neutral question: a question that does not direct or pressure a client to answer in a certain way

Nondirective interview: an interview using open-ended questions and empathetic responses to build rapport and learn client concerns

Objective data: information (data) that is detectable by an observer or can be tested against an accepted standard; can be seen, heard, felt, or smelled

Open-ended questions: questions that specify only the broad topic to be discussed and invite clients to discover and explore their thoughts and feelings about the topic

Overt data: see Objective data

Rapport: a relationship between two or more people of mutual trust and understanding

Review of systems: see Screening examination

Screening examination (review of systems): a brief review of essential functioning of various body parts or systems

Signs: see Overt data

Subjective data: data that are apparent only to the person affected; can be described or verified only by that person

Symptoms: see Covert data

Validation: the determination that the diagnosis accurately reflects the problem of the client, that the methods used for data gathering were appropriate, and that the conclusion or diagnosis is justified by the data