

SOAP Note Based on Priority Problems

Priority Patient Problem #1: Acute pain in urethra and suprapubic area

**Subjective:**

This section explains the client symptoms. Include a narrative of the patient's complaints/concerns and/or information obtained from secondary sources.

**History Present Illness (HPI):** 78 year old female, Hx of CHF and diabetes, low BP and had fluid bolus, agitated lives alone. Admitted with uresepsis, received large amount of IV fluid, 4L nasal canula, HOB elevated. Not taking cardiac medications  
**PMH:** CHF and diabetes

**Allergies:** NKA

7 bottles prescription at home (cardiac) →  
**Current Medications:** enalapril 2.5mg po daily with breakfast  
levaquin 250mg IV bolus q 12 hr, furosemide 20mg IV bolus,  
Albuterol 0.5/ solution in 3mL 0.9% NaCl via nebulizer q 4hr  
PRN meds: tylenol 325mg po q 4hr for fever greater than 37.7  
IV therapy: 1000mL lactated R. 30mL/hr (DC) 1000mL 0.9% NaCl at 150mL/hr

**Objective:**

This section is your clinical observations. Include pertinent vital signs, pertinent labs and diagnostics related to the priority problem.

**Vital Signs:** At 2400: (T) 101.0, (P) 98, (RR) 24, (BP) 128/82 (O2) 85% 4L

**Labs:** Hgb: 11.3 (low), Hct: 33% (low) WBC: 13,000 (high) →  
BUN: 21mg/dL (elevated) Albumin 3.2 (slightly low) cholesterol: 225 (slightly ↑)  
**Diagnostics:** chest x-ray: lungs are well aerated, no evidence of focal area of consolidation. faint rounded density is seen in base of lower hemithorax probably representing nipple shadow. hilar and pulmonary vasculature is dilated consistent with ~~upper~~ long-standing mild COPD. The heart is enlarged →

**Assessment:**

Focused assessments on your priority problem.

High respiration rate, labored breathing, O2 88%. placed on 4L of O2, then O2 saturation 90%. placed on 4L of O2 BP was 130/94. Temperature 100.6 HOB elevated. Restless and upset. Fell out of bed and xray showed hip fracture. NOT candidate for surgery due to HF. placed in bucks traction. pressure ulcer above coccyx stage 2, betriker cream being placed. shir frequent assessments. LOC concerning, sepsis possible.

Medications: Home  
20mg  
potassium chloride 20meq & 40meq  
Digoxin .125  
metoprolol 20mg  
Isosorbide 10mg

Urinalysis:

Appearance: cloudy, Leukocyte esterase: positive (detects WBC in urine)  
Color: slight amber, WBC-10 (high) RBC: 4-6 (high), RBC cast-(positive  
(small amount of bleeding from kidneys))

consistent with hypertrophy of L. ventricle. costophrenic angles are clear.

Left hip and femur:  
AP view of hip reviewed, only 1 limited view is obtained. poor quality x-ray with a lot of soft tissue shadow. Significant for basicervical-type femoral neck fracture. Lesser trochanter is intact. High intertrochanteric fracture, basicervical.

Left elbow:  
No fracture apparent but evidence of mild soft tissue shadow consistent with muscle contusion.

## Plan

### **\*Based on priority problem only**

*Include what your plan is for the client. What treatments or medications are needed? You can include procedures, consults, labs/diagnostics, etc. What nursing interventions are being performed?*

**Plan:** My plan would be to continue J.J. on pain medication needed PRN, and to continue to monitor her pain level on the numeric pain scale. I would also continue to monitor her PQRST assessment of pain. That would be for my nursing priority. Now that I know her priority diagnosis is ~~an~~ impaired gas exchange, I would have focused more on that, but for acute pain some nursing interventions performed could be to help establish an acceptable pain goal for J.J. Also, to help teach some nonpharmacologic interventions to help with her pain, like applying heat to suprapubic area if needed. Also evaluating how J.J. is responding to pain management strategies.

**Teaching & Resources:** Teaching about nonpharmacologic ways to help relieve some of her pain.

## ATI Virtual Clinical Questions and Reflection:

- 1) Identify two members of the healthcare team collaborating in the care of this patient:
  - a. Craig (RN)
  - b. DR. BAXTER
- 2) What were some steps the nursing team demonstrated that promoted patient safety?
  - a. Raised the head of bed to help J.J. with her breathing
  - b. Applied O<sub>2</sub> therapy when J.J. was having trouble breathing
  - c. Had DR. ORDER proper medications needed for HF
- 3) Do you feel the nurse and medical team utilized therapeutic communication techniques when interacting with individuals, families, and health team members of all cultural backgrounds?
  - a. If **yes**, describe:  
I think the nurses communicated well with each other and kept the other members (dr, pharmacy) updated when needed. They showed therapeutic communication with J.J. as well by letting her know when they were about
  - b. If **no**, describe: to do something for her. (ex. applying oxygen)

## Reflection

- 1) Go back to your Preconference Template:
  - a. Indicate (circle, star, highlight, etc.) the components of your preconference template that you saw applied to the care of this patient.
- 2) Review your Nursing Process Form: Did you select a correct priority nursing problem?
  - a. If **yes**, write it here: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. If **no**, write what you now understand the priority nursing problem to be:  
NOW I BELIEVE THE PRIORITY PROBLEM IS IMPAIRED GAS EXCHANGE
- 3) Review your Patient Problem Form: Did you see many of your anticipated nursing assessments and interventions used?
  - a. Were there interventions you included that *were not* used in the scenario that could help this patient?
    - i. If **yes**, describe:  
MAYBE, ADMINISTER LORAZEPAM PO AS INDICATED TO HELP CALM HER DOWN AND NOT BE AS RESTLESS.
    - ii. If **no**, describe:  
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\_\_\_\_\_
- 4) After completing the scenario, what is your patient at risk for developing?
  - a. sepsis
  - b. Why? FOR ONE HER AGE PLAYS A BIG ROLE IN THAT AND ALSO IF HER INFECTION

MOVES INTO HER KIDNEYS AND URETERS THAT COULD CAUSE SEPSIS. SHE IS ALREADY SHOWING SIGNS WITH RESTLESSNESS AND FEVERS AND TROUBLE BREATHING.

5) What was your biggest "take-away" from participating in the care of this patient? How did this impact your nursing practice?

My biggest take away would be that a UTI is serious and if left untreated for too long that can cause sepsis. Understanding signs of this are very important and making sure the patient is started on antibiotics soon is vital. This impacted my nursing practice by realizing that changes happen very quickly and knowing that is important. Monitoring vital signs and changes in LOC is important to identify if changes are happening. Also always remembering the ABC'S and in this case J.J needed O<sub>2</sub> therapy and needed to eventually be put on more O<sub>2</sub> because she was not getting enough. So staying on top of that is very important.

## Patient Problems (Nursing Diagnoses)

List two potential patient problems you will be addressing as part of your nurse's notes, along with clinical reasoning, goals/expected outcomes, assessments, and priority nursing interventions. The patient problems must be in priority order. Six nursing interventions for each priority problem must be completed.

Problem # 1 Acute pain in urethra and suprapubic area

Clinical Reasoning: URINARY TRACT INFECTION

Goal/EO: ATI (J.J) will have a pain level of 5/10 on a numeric pain by the end of my shift

Ongoing Assessments: Assess pain on numeric scale 1-10, S/SX related to pain (BP, HR, RR) q4hr

NI: \* 1. Establish an acceptable pain goal during my time of care

2. Teach nonpharmacologic interventions for pain relief q4hr

\* 3. Administer any analgesics ordered to alleviate pain PRN

4. Evaluate ATI (J.J) response to pain management strategies q2hr

\* 5. Respond immediately to <sup>Reports</sup> response of pain during my time of care

6. Administer Lorazepam PO as indicated on orders

Problem # 2 Lack of knowledge

Clinical Reasoning: URINARY TRACT INFECTION

Goal/EO: ATI (J.J) will verbalize knowledge of causes and treatment of UTI during my time of care

Ongoing Assessments: Assess signs of knowledge of UTI risk factors, prevention, and treatment during my time of care

NI: 1. Teach importance of follow up care q shift

2. Encourage fluids q1hr during my shift

3. Teach proper perineal hygiene to decrease risk of UTI q shift

4. Teach importance of taking full course of antibiotics even if S/SX have resolved q shift

5. Encourage frequent bladder emptying q2hr

\* 6. Encourage any questions or concerns (J.J) may have during my time of care.

# ACTIVE LEARNING TEMPLATE: Medication

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICATION Levofloxacin IV PB

REVIEW MODULE CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY CLASS Antibiotic

## PURPOSE OF MEDICATION

### Expected Pharmacological Action

Inhibits DNA enzyme gyrase in susceptible microorganisms, interfering with bacterial cell replication, repair.

### Therapeutic Use

Bactericidal. Treatment of susceptible infections due to *S. pneumoniae*, *S. aureus*, *E. faecalis*, *H. influenzae* & more, including acute bacterial exacerbation of chronic bronchitis, community-acquired pneumonia, nosocomial pneumonia, complicated/uncomplicated UTI.

### Complications

Hypersensitivity to levofloxacin, other fluoroquinolones  
 Contraindications: known or suspected CNS disorders, seizures, renal impairment, bradycardia, RA, severe cerebral arteriosclerosis, pts at risk of interval prolongation (HF), diabetes, tendon rupture, risk for tendonitis, concomitant use of corticosteroids, organ transplant recipient

### Medication Administration

IV: 250mg/50mL, 500mg/100mL, 750mg/150mL. Dilute with 10mL with minimum 40mL 0.9% NaCl D5W providing concentration of 5mg/mL.  
 250-750mg q24hr, 750mg q24hr for severe or complicated infections.

### Contraindications/Precautions

Occasional: diarrhea, nausea, abdominal pain, dizziness, drowsiness, and headache.  
 Ophthalmic: local burning/discomfort, margin crusting, foreign body sensation, ocular itching, altered taste.  
 Rare: flatulence pain, inflammation, swelling in calves, hands, shoulder, chest pain, difficulty breathing, palpitation, edema, tendon pain, corneal straining, allergic reaction, eyelid swelling.

### Nursing Interventions

Question for hypersensitivity  
 Monitor serum glucose, renal function, LFT.  
 Monitor daily bowel pattern, stool consistency.  
 Be alert for superinfection, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, oral mucosal changes  
 Monitor muscle weakness  
 Monitor pain, swelling, bruising, popping of tendons.

### Interactions

Drug: may decrease therapeutic effect of BCG, Amicacids (calcium, magnesium, iron preparations) Sulfonamide, zinc decreases absorption. NSAIDs may increase risk of CNS stimulation, seizures. Medications that prolong QT interval may increase risk of arrhythmias. May increase anticoagulant effect of warfarin.  
 Lab values: may alter serum glucose

### Client Education

Essential to complete drug therapy  
 Report episodes of diarrhea, frequent diarrhea, fever, abdominal pain  
 Report severe reaction  
 Look out for tendon swelling/inflammation  
 Report nervous system problems  
 Drink plenty of fluids  
 Treatment may cause heart problems, such as low HR, palpitations, nerve damage, numbness, tingling, and weakness.

### Evaluation of Medication Effectiveness

Bactericidal, inhibits DNA enzyme gyrase in susceptible microorganisms.

# ACTIVE LEARNING TEMPLATE: Medication

STUDENT NAME Sam Roberts

MEDICATION Lorazepam

REVIEW MODULE CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

## PURPOSE OF MEDICATION

### Expected Pharmacological Action

Enhances action of inhibitory neurotransmitter gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) in CNS, affecting memory, motor, sensory, cognitive function.

### Therapeutic Use

Management of anxiety disorders, short term relief of symptoms of anxiety, anxiety associated with depressive symptoms.  
 IV: status epilepticus, preanesthesia for amnesia sedation

### Complications

Frequent: drowsiness, dizziness  
 Rare: weakness, ataxia (impaired coordination), headache, hypotension, nausea, vomiting, confusion, and injection site reaction.

### Medication Administration

PO: give w/ food, tablets may be crushed. 0.5-2mg q4-6hrs  
 max: 10mg/day  
 IV: IV push at a rate not to exceed 2mg/min  
 Dilute with equal vol. of sterile water for injection, D5W or 0.9% NaCl

### Contraindications/Precautions

Hypersensitivity to LO-Razepam, other benzodiazepines  
 Acute narrow-angle glaucoma, severe respiratory depression (except during mechanical ventilation)  
 Concomitant use of CNS depressants, pts high risk for suicidal ideation and behavior  
 Hx of drug use, drug seeking behavior, dependency

### Nursing Interventions

Monitor BP, HR, RR  
 Screen for suicidal ideation & behavior  
 Monitor for new onset of anxiety  
 Monitor for drug abuse  
 Evaluate for therapeutic response  
 Monitor therapeutic serum levels  
 Assess motor responses

### Interactions

Drug: valproic acid may increase concentration/effects  
 Alcohol, other CNS depressants may increase CNS depression  
 Herbal: herbals w/ sedative properties (chamomile, kava kava, valerian) - may increase depression  
 Lab: None significant, Therapeutic serum level 50-240 ng/mL  
 Toxic serum level, unknown.

### Client Education

Avoid tasks that require alertness, motor skills  
 Avoid smoking  
 Do not abruptly discontinue medication  
 Do not use with alcohol  
 Seek immediate medical attention if suicidal thoughts, new onset or worsening of anxiety or depression.

### Evaluation of Medication Effectiveness

Produces anxiolytic, anticonvulsant, sedative, muscle relaxant, and anti-emetic effects.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Diagnosis/Disease: URINARY TRACT INFECTION

**EX IV (8): Physiological Integrity/Physiological Adaptation**

Anatomy and Physiology

Normal Structures

The urinary system's function is to filter blood and create urine as a waste product. The urinary system includes the kidneys, renal pelvis, ureters, bladder and urethra. The kidneys and urinary systems help the body to eliminate liquid waste called urea and to keep chemicals, such as potassium and sodium and water in balance. Urea is carried in the bloodstream to the kidneys where it is removed in the form of urine. There are two kidneys located below the ribs toward the middle of the back →

Pathophysiology of Disease

The urinary tract above the urethra is normally sterile. Several mechanical and physiologic defense mechanisms aid in maintaining sterility and preventing UTIs. The defenses include normal voiding with complete emptying of the bladder, ureterovesical junction competence, and ureteral peristaltic activity that propels urine toward the bladder. Antibacterial characteristics of urine are maintained by acidic pH (less than 6.0) high urea concentration, and abundant glycoproteins that interfere with the growth of bacteria. A change in any of these defense mechanisms increase the risk for UTI →

**NCLEX IV (7): Reduction of Risk**

Anticipated Diagnostics

Labs  
Dipstick urinalysis  
urine culture  
clean catch urine sample  
H&P exam

Additional Diagnostics

ultrasound of urinary tract  
CT scan  
Cystoscopy

**NCLEX II (3): Health Promotion and Maintenance**

Contributing Risk Factors

CAUTI's (catheter)  
associated UTI  
HAI - (health care associated infection)  
fungal and parasitic infections  
immunosuppressed pts.  
Diabetics  
Kidney problems  
Multiple courses of antibiotics

Signs and Symptoms

Dysuria  
Hesitancy  
Intermittency  
postvoid dribbling  
urinary retention or incomplete emptying  
incontinence  
Nocturia  
urinary frequency  
Abdominal pain  
fever  
hematuria

**NCLEX IV (7): Reduction of Risk**

Possible Therapeutic Procedures

Non-surgical  
Heating pads  
  
Surgical

Prevention of Complications

(What are some potential complications associated with this disease process?)  
painful urination  
urethritis  
cystitis or severe systemic illness  
localized abdominal discomfort  
urinary tract abnormalities

**NCLEX IV (6): Pharmacological and Parenteral Therapies**

Anticipated Medication Management

Antibiotics (fluconazole) fungal  
Sensitivity-guided antibiotics  
3-4 month trial of prophylactic antibiotic regimen

**NCLEX IV (5): Basic Care and Comfort**

Non-Pharmacologic Care Measures

Adequate fluid intake  
patient teaching  
Frequent voiding  
Wiping from front to back  
Proper perineal hygiene

**NCLEX III (4): Psychosocial/Holistic Care Needs**

What stressors might a patient with this diagnosis be experiencing?

pain  
stress about being sick  
stress over tests that may need to be done  
fatigue

**Client/Family Education**

List 3 potential teaching topics/areas

- Take antibiotics as prescribed
- Practice appropriate hygiene, cleaning, wipe front to back.
- Empty bladder before and after sexual intercourse.

**NCLEX I (1): Safe and Effective Care Environment**

Multidisciplinary Team Involvement

(Which other disciplines do you expect to share in the care of this patient?)

Primary DR.  
Nurses  
Urologist  
Pharmacy  
Radiology  
Home care

## patho cont...

The organisms that usually cause UTIs originate in the perineum and are introduced via the ascending route from the urethra. Most infections are caused by gram-negative bacilli normally found in the GI tract. Gram-positive organisms, such as streptococci, enterococci, and staphylococcus saprophyticus, can cause UTIs.

A common factor contributing to ascending infection is urologic instrumentation (catheterizations). Instrumentation allows bacteria that are normally present at the opening of the urethra to enter the urethra or bladder.

Sexual intercourse promotes "milking" of bacteria from the vagina and perineum and may cause minor urethral trauma that predisposes women to UTIs.

UTIs can result from hematogenous transmission, in which blood-borne bacteria invade the kidneys, ureters, or bladder from elsewhere in the body. For a kidney infection to occur in this manner, there must be prior injury to urinary tract, such as obstruction of the ureter, damage caused by stones, or renal scars.

## Anatomy cont.

The kidneys remove waste products and drugs from the body, they balance the body's fluids and release hormones to regulate blood pressure. The kidneys remove urea from the blood through tiny filtering units called nephrons. Each nephron consists of a ball formed of small blood capillaries, called a glomerulus and small tube called renal tubule. Urea forms the urine as it passes through the nephrons and down the renal tubules of the kidneys. There are two ureters, narrow tubes that carry urine from the kidneys to the bladder. Muscles in the ureter wall continually tighten and relax forcing urine downward, away from kidneys. If urine backs up or stays still a kidney infection could develop. About 10-15 seconds small amounts of urine are emptied into the bladder. Bladder is triangle shaped, hollow organ its held in place by ligaments that are attached to other organs and pelvic bones. The bladder walls ~~contract~~ relax and expand to store urine, and contract and flatten to empty urine through the urethra. There is two sphincter muscles - they are circular muscles that help keep urine from leaking by closing tightly like a rubber band around the opening of the bladder. Nerves that alert a person when its time to urinate, body (bladder) muscles to tighten which squeezes urine out of the bladder. At the same time, the brain signals the sphincter muscles to relax to let urine exit the bladder through urethra.