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Daily Journal Entry with Plan of Care & Chart Note

Student Name: Katrina Covello Day/Date: Monday, December 16th

Number of Clinical Hours Today: 5

Care Setting: Hospital Ambulatory Care Home Care Other

Preceptor: Nancy Bollero, NP, COWN

Clinical Focus: Wound Ostomy Continence

This assignment should be WOC focused and approached as both patient documentation and critical thinking development. Complete each section of the document. Once you have completed the form, save the document by clinical date and preceptor. Submit to your Practicum Course dropbox for instructor review & feedback. Journals should be submitted to your dropbox no later than **48 hours** following the clinical experience day. See samples in course Resource area to assist you with this assignment.

Reflection: Describe your patient encounters & types of patients seen.

This date was spent focused on wound patients in the wound center at the hospital. All wounds seen this day were chronic and diabetic ulcers. This is not always the case, but they do account for the majority of non-healing or slow-healing wounds seen in the clinic. Patients were mostly middle-aged or elderly. No patient under the age of 45 was seen in my time that day. The wound center's workflow involves rooming the patient, taking a set of vital signs, removing previous dressings, measuring wounds (if needed based on the last time they were measured) and marking the room (via the flagging system) once the patient is ready to be seen by physician or advance practice provider. Once seen, wound dressing orders are placed in the Epic® electronic medical record system and are then completed by a nurse on the wound team. Only one patient seen this day was on a wound vac (see below for more information) the rest were evaluated and dressings were applied as order in Epic®.

WOC nurses function as consultants and develop plans of care (POC) for other care givers as a guide to providing care in the WOC nurse's absence. For this part, select one patient who is an example of the identified specialty hours for this clinical day. Write a chart note giving careful consideration to how the patient was assessed, the problems, and the rationale behind the plan of care. The WOC nurse consultant/specialist note should begin with why you are seeing the pt; Initial visit for..., follow-up visit for..., evaluation and management of..., etc Then, describe the visit. Be sure to include any physical assessment, interactions, and specific products were used/recommended for use. Write in a manner others will be able to understand and be able to interpret your plan of care.

Chart note:

Type of visit: wound follow-up after surgery for osteomyelitis

Hx: DM II, HTN, CAD, Hyperlipidemia, osteomyelitis in right big toe and the two toes immediately to the right of the big toe, diabetic foot ulcers on right foot

Physical assessment: After normal wound workflow was completed (see above), wound-vac dressing was removed for follow-up on patient's healing. Physician assessed and using a negative-pressure wound vac was deemed appropriate and ordered to be continued. Patient's right big toe is absent following this surgery 6 weeks ago. No signs of infection (redness, swelling) noted. Wound edges are irregular and are not in close proximity to one another. Pt reports tolerating the wound vac and that Tony, RN (home care nurse) will be out later this week on Wednesday to do another dressing.

Interactions: See above. Patient reports that she looks forward to no longer needing a wound vac, but that she is tolerating it well for right now. "Tony is super nice and helpful."

Education: Patient denied need for education. She says that "Tony know what he's doing" and that she knows to listen for the

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“beeping” alarm saying something’s wrong with the device. She verbalizes she will call the wound center should the device alarm (during weekdays/business hours). If it is outside of this timeframe, she verbalizes she will call the Patient Advisory Nurse line or go to the Emergency Room for evaluation.

Specific products used/recommended for use: None indicated as the dressings are handled solely by wound center team or home health nurse.

Using the information from the chart note, develop a plan of care to be executed by other members of the healthcare team in your absence. Statements should be directive and holistic. Write as nursing orders.

WOC Plan of Care (include specific products used)

Continue wound-vac dressing changes three times per week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). Monday’s dressing change will be done at wound center. Wednesday and Friday’s dressing changes will be done by home health nurse.

Describe your thoughts related to the care provided. What would you have done differently?

The wound center is incredibly busy! There is a lot of moving back and forth between rooms. The patients are typically already known by the wound care team, but they are not known to me. Patient’s wound dressings are not typically super involved and there is a lot of repetition. That makes sense since most patients are seen for chronic wounds caused by poor glucose control/slow wound healing. It was helpful to get to see how decisions are made for dressings although I didn’t get to hear a lot about why certain things were chosen as these are already established patients.

You should have a learning goal for each clinical day. What was your goal for the day? Was it met? Why or why not?

Goals

What was your goal for the day?

See various wounds and the dressing orders.

What is/are your learning goal(s) for tomorrow? (Share learning goal with preceptor)

Be able to perform more dressing changes. Ideally, I’d like to be able to provide patient education on a new wound treatment plan of care.

CRITICAL ELEMENTS	Completed	Missing
Medical record note reflects that of a specialist:		
• Identifies why the patient is being seen		
• Describes the encounter including assessment, interactions, any actions, education provided and responses		
• Includes pertinent PMH, HPI, current medications and labs		
• Identifies specific products utilized/recommended for use		
• Identifies overall recommendations/plan		
Plan of Care Development:		
• POC is focused and holistic		
• WOC nursing concerns and medical conditions, co-morbidities are		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statements direct care of the patient in the absence of the WOC nurse • Directives are written as nursing orders 		
Thoughts Related to Visit:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical thinking utilized to reflect on patient encounter • Identifies alternatives/what would have done differently 		
Learning goal identified		

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____

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