



R. B. Turnbull Jr. M.D. WOC Nursing Education Program

Daily Journal Entry with Plan of Care & Chart Note

Student Name: Maria Fe Briones Day/Date: 7/14/25

Number of Clinical Hours Today: 8

Care Setting: Hospital / Ambulatory Care Home Care Other

Preceptor: Kimberly Blasiolo

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.

My patient encounters are primarily in an inpatient setting, where the focus is on managing both acute and chronic wounds that require ongoing treatment, close monitoring, and documentation of healing progress. The patients I see are typically coherent and responsive, and only one is nonverbal/nonresponsive. Many are recovering from surgical or orthopedic procedures and present with complex wounds, including postoperative incisions, pressure injuries, and traumatic wounds. These patients often require frequent wound care visits to ensure proper dressing changes, assess wound characteristics such as size, tissue type, exudate, edges, and peri-wound skin, and identify early signs of complications or infection, as well as select the appropriate wound dressing.

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 beginning with a brief, focused history and history of present illness, including why you are seeing the patient. Then, describe the visit including any physical assessment, interactions, interventions, and evaluations. Complete a Braden Scale assessment if this was an inpatient encounter. Identify any specific products used or recommended for use. Remember, this note reflects all that you *did* at your visit, the plan of care reflects your direction/orders *after* the encounter to be performed in your absence.

Chart note:

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Mr. David Galehouse is a 74-year-old male who was admitted to the hospital on 7/11/2025 following transfer from a skilled nursing facility for evaluation and management of shortness of breath. He has a complex medical history, including seizure disorder with status epilepticus, traumatic brain injury-related epilepsy secondary to a childhood motor vehicle accident, dementia, hypothyroidism, depression, hypotension, unspecified psychosis, and prior deep vein thrombosis. He is tracheostomy- and PEG-tube-dependent, receiving tube feedings via PEG, and currently on a trach collar on 10 L. He is nonverbal and nonresponsive at baseline, with ongoing EEG monitoring to assess for seizure activity. Today's visit was conducted with Kimberly Blasiolo, Wound/Ostomy APRN, for ongoing wound care needs and treatment during the patient's inpatient stay. The patient has two identified wound sites upon admission, with a Braden score of 8. The first wound is a Stage 2 pressure injury located on the coccyx (gluteal cleft), characterized by a red wound bed with partial-thickness skin loss. It is oval, measuring approximately 2.1 cm in length and 0.4 cm in width, with a wound depth of 0.2 cm and a calculated surface area of about 0.84 cm². The peri-wound skin is excoriated, with scant red drainage noted, with no odor detected. The wound care plan for this wound is to cleanse the wound with wound cleanser at each dressing change, lightly pack the wound bed with Mesalt, cover it with a foam dressing, and change the dressing BID and PRN. The second wound is located on the bilateral buttocks and is consistent with irritant contact moisture-associated dermatitis. This area presents with irregularly distributed, scattered superficial ulcerations and widespread peri-wound excoriation. Drainage is scant and serosanguinous, with no odor noted. The wound care plan includes cleaning the affected area with wound cleanser and allowing the area to dry thoroughly before applying topical treatment. Apply zinc oxide cream to wounds located on bilateral buttocks BID and PRN. Pressure injury prevention includes turning and repositioning the patient every 2 hours, offloading heels with boots or pillows, and ensuring the patient is currently wearing heel boots. Patient recent labs leukocytosis of WBC- 16.07, Hgb-11.2, Hct-35.7, MCV- 107.7, albumin -2.4, Na- 137, K-4.1, Mg- 2.1, Crea- 0.56, BUN- 25, AST- 32, ALT- 22, glucose- 128, Hgb A1C- 5.3. We interact with the patient by introducing ourselves by name, clearly stating the purpose of the visit, and explaining each step of care, including asking permission before repositioning or turning, even though the patient is nonverbal and nonresponsive. No family members were present at the bedside during the visit; however, a bedside nurse was present and provided education on the wound assessment findings, the current treatment plan, and ongoing care instructions. The nurse verbalized understanding. The specific products used during this encounter are Sea Cleanse Wound Cleanser, Allevyn Foam Dressing, and Zinc Oxide Cream.

Sensory Perception	1
Moisture	1
Activity	1
Mobility	1
Nutrition	3
Friction/Shear	1
Total	8

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-lightly pack gluteal cleft wound with Mesalt
-cover with Allevyn foam dressing
-change dressing BID and PRN

Wound #2 – Moisture Associated Dermatitis- Bilateral Buttocks –
-cleanse wound with sea cleanse wound cleanser
-dry thoroughly
-apply Zinc oxide cream BID and PRN

Turn and reposition Q2 hours
Offload heels with boots or pillows

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)

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

Today, wound cleanser was dabbed onto the wound instead of sprayed. I considered whether spraying wound have been more effective for mechanical debridement. I'm unsure if its appropriate for all cases. This highlighted the importance of choosing wound care techniques based on individual wound needs.

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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

Goal met as I can be able to shadow and assist in managing complex wound cases by applying foundation wound care knowledge and techniques effectively.

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

To observe and understand the procedure and clinical decision making involved in sharp wound debridement.

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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	✓	
• Completes Braden Scale for inpatient encounter	✓	
• 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 incorporated	✓	
• Braden subscales addressed (if pertinent)	✓	
• Statements direct care of the patient in the absence of the WOC nurse	✓	
• Directives are written as nursing orders	✓	

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Thoughts Related to Visit:		
• 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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