

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Patient Physical Assessment Narrative

PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT NARRATIVE BY SYSTEMS: (Complete using assessment check list and reminders below)

GENERAL INFORMATION (Time of assessment, admit diagnosis, general appearance)

breast CA- bilateral mastectomy, T2DM, Tachycardia, lymphedema, GERD

On Tuesday, the pt. was alert and responsive. On Wednesday the pt. was less alert and frequently fell asleep while talking.

Neurological – sensory (LOC, sensation, strength, coordination, speech, pupil assessment)

The patient's mental status had decreased drastically on Wednesday. She had trouble answering questions and frequently fell asleep in the middle of talking. Patient was also very weak

Comfort level: Rates pain at 5 (0-10 scale) Location: right arm

Psychological/Social (affect, interaction with family, friends and staff)

Patient's husband was present on Tuesday and pt. was nice to staff. On Wednesday the patient was still nice to staff however she was unable to fully answer the nurses questions like she was the day before

EENT (symmetry, drainage of eyes, ears, nose, throat, mouth, including dentition, nodes and swallowing)

Sore on patient's lip, no other abnormalities noted

Respiratory (chest configuration, breath sounds, rate, rhythm, depth, pattern)

Tachypnea, diminished breath sounds in upper lobes, distant/absent breath sounds in lower lobes, difficulty breathing upon exertion, pn Wednesday pt.'s O2 dropped to 84% and was put on 2L via nasal cannula.

Cardiovascular (heart sounds, apical and radial rate and rhythm, radial and pedal pulse, pattern)

Radial pulses weak +1, Tachycardic

Gastrointestinal (bowel habits, appearance of abdomen, bowel sounds, tenderness to palpation)

firm abd. with mild tenderness, abd. appeared round and swollen

Genitourinary-Reproductive (frequency, urgency, continence, color, clarity, odor, vaginal bleeding, discharge)

incontinent, purewick external catheter device

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Musculoskeletal (alignment, posture, mobility, gait, movement in extremities, deformities)

unable to move right arm, weak pushes and grips, unsteady gait, 2 person assist

Skin (skin color, temp, texture, turgor, integrity)

pt.'s skin was pink and cool, skin breakdown under right armpit due to CA

Wounds/Dressings

no dressings, sore on lip, skin breakdown under right armpit

Other