

Opioid Withdrawal Guided Reflection Questions

1. Describe your reaction to the end of shift report given in the patient scenario video.
2. Have you ever witnessed this type of nontherapeutic communication between nurses? How did you react? Did you intervene? What might you do differently in the future?
3. What changed from your initial impression of the patient as you moved through the patient scenario video?
4. Patients with addictions may be difficult for nurses to provide care for if the nurse has had a negative experience either professionally or personally with people who struggle with addiction. What can you do as a nurse to prevent personal biases from interfering in your own nursing practice?
5. If you had to explain the pathophysiology of opioid addiction to a patient's family, what would you say?