

Medical Case 2: Jennifer Hoffman

Documentation Assignments

1. Document your initial focused respiratory assessment of Jennifer Hoffman.

My initial focused respiratory included auscultating the lungs and assessing my patients' respiratory rate and breathing effort. I also attached a pulse ox and assessed skin turgor. It is extremely important to listen to the patient's lungs, and when I did I heard wheezing upon expiration.

2. Identify and document key nursing diagnoses for Jennifer Hoffman.

The primary key nursing diagnosis would be at ineffective gas exchange and decreased tissue perfusion. With the status of her breathing, she had a very low O2 Sat and was not perfusing well, which could also eventually cause necrosis, loss of consciousness and shutting down of the organs. All of the nursing interventions I implemented had a goal of decreasing the risk of these issues and supporting her work of breathing.

3. Document your phone call to the provider, including the information you provided regarding the significant changes in Jennifer Hoffman.

I communicated the situation, background, assessment findings, and results of my interventions. I focused on the patient's respiratory status as the main concern and how she was responding to the medications ordered and oxygen therapy. It is very important to be clear and concise on the patient's condition with the doctor during report.

4. Referring to your feedback log, document the nursing care you provided.

I provided thorough and detailed care to my patient through multiple vital sign checks, reassessing her breathing after applying the oxygen mask and administering the medications. I was sure to educate her on what was happening and that sitting up could help decrease her work of breathing.