

Medical Case 3: Vincent Brody

Documentation Assignments

1. Document your focused respiratory assessment for Vincent Brody.
- 2.

During my initial focused respiratory assessment, I made sure to listen to the patient's lungs most importantly, attach a pulse ox, assess the patient's work of breathing, assess their skin.

3. Identify and document key nursing diagnoses for Vincent Brody.

A key nursing diagnosis for the patient would be ineffective breathing pattern due to respiratory distress and acute pain due to the patient's complaint of chest pain. All interventions that I performed for this patient were in an effort to reduce the patient's pain level by resolving the issue and decreasing their work of breathing.

4. Document pain management interventions and Vincent Brody's response to therapy. Pain management included administering morphine before the chest tube insertion and increasing their oxygen levels. This helped calm their breathing effort with decreased pain. Their response to the chest tube insertion and morphine was excellent and successful upon re assessing the patient's breathing pattern and lung sounds.
5. Document your phone call to the provider, including the significant changes exhibited by Vincent Brody that triggered the need to notify the provider.

My phone call to the provider included updating them on the patient's condition initially at the onset of their pain, after ABG results, and after chest tube insertion. All conversations included SBAR format to provide them with all relevant information regarding my patient to receive the best care possible.

6. Document key assessments you would monitor for a chest tube (insertion site, dressing, suction level, drainage, fluctuation, air leak).
I would monitor for an air leak most importantly, as well as drainage from the insertion site and saturated dressing, irritation of the site, suction level, water level in the chamber, and overall proper functioning. It is also crucial to assess the patient's response to the chest tube and their respiratory status.

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

I provided care consisting of education most importantly, medication administration, signed consent reviewing, multiple assessments and reassessments after interventions, comfort measures and basic patient identification, allergy identification, allergy confirmation and system monitoring.