

Surgery Work Sheet

1. Type of Surgery and explain in YOUR words about the surgery.

The surgery was a bowel resection with the placement of a stoma. The doctor went in and cut out the parts of the bowel/colon that were damaged due to blockage or inflammation. He then created a hole through the belly (the stoma) where he would place the end of the colon and suture it to the skin. Then there was a colostomy bag placed over this where the patient would now have bowel movements through. I believe that the bowel had also ruptured because of the amount of feces in the abdominal cavity but I am not 100% sure if that is what happened.

2. What were the medical reasons/cause for the surgery?

The original reason for the surgery was diverticulitis which caused a bowel obstruction. Diverticulitis is inflammation of the diverticula in the digestive tract. This prevented the patient from being able to have a bowel movement for about a week.

3. From the History and Physical of the patient, what could contribute to any postoperative complications?

One thing that could contribute to postoperative complications is the patient getting an infection and getting sepsis from all the feces in the abdominal cavity. Another complication could be respiratory issues.

- a. From the complication list TWO nursing interventions.

1. To prevent or treat an infection I, as the nurse, want to make sure that the patient is taking their antibiotics. I would teach about the antibiotic and ensure that the patient knows how to take them, how much to take, when to take them, and how long they need to take them for.
2. To prevent respiratory issues, I would make sure that the patient uses an incentive spirometer and turns, coughs, and takes deep breaths once they are awake.

