

Clinical Goals/Post Clinical Discussion Prompts

**Week 2 Clinical Goals: (Head-to-Toe Assessment)**

1. Demonstrate effective communication and professionalism while providing patient care.
2. Perform head-to-toe assessment using minimum prompts from observing instructor. (Please review head-to-toe assessment thoroughly in preparation for clinical this week.)
3. Continue to assist with vital signs, both manual BP and using BP machines, on other patients as needed by healthcare team. **Be sure to report any vital sign measurement outside of normal ranges to the nurse. If you cannot find the nurse, report measurements outside of normal limits to your instructor.**
4. Assist with as many activities of daily living as possible. Activities of daily living include assistance with bathing, showering, brushing teeth, hair care, assisting with meals, ambulation, emptying trash, straightening up rooms, refilling water pitchers.
5. Answer call lights. You may not know how to address the patient's need, but you can find someone who does.
6. Document physical assessment on graphic and narrative documentation sheets. (Print from LMS and bring to clinical each week)
7. Seek out one patient on oxygen therapy. Note the oxygen device in use, flow rate of the oxygen, and any assessment data associated with the use of oxygen (respiratory rate, depth of respirations, oxygen saturation). Be prepared to discuss this observation in post-clinical conference.
8. Observe the diet ordered for one of your patients. The ordered diet is commonly listed on a slip of paper on the patient's meal tray. What percentage of the meal did the patient eat? Did you note any assessment parameters related to diet? Be prepared to discuss this observation in post-clinical conference.
9. Throughout care make efforts to think of how care affects patient outcomes (i.e. how well is your patient progressing toward recovery?). As you perform baths, assist with ambulation, and speak with patients consider aspects of physical assessment. What is the patient's mental status, emotional status, nutritional status? What needs do you feel are priorities for each patient you see?

\*Note – do not give food or water to patients until a member of the healthcare team has confirmed the patient is not NPO. Report all vital signs measurements to nurse or CNA for documentation.

Clinical Goals/Post Clinical Discussion Prompts

**Be prepared to share Plus/Delta and Information on Numbers 7-9 above during Post-Clinical Discussion. Then select examples from Safety and Infection Control listed below.**

**Week 2: Post Clinical Discussion**

Look at the elements below and think about if you observed an example of one or more during the clinical day.

**Safety and Infection Control**

*Protecting clients and health care personnel from health and environmental hazards.*

- Assess client for allergies and intervene as needed
- Assess client care environment
- Promote staff safety
- Protect client from injury
- Properly identify client when providing care
- Use ergonomic principles when providing care
- Educate client on safety issues
- Facilitate appropriate and safe use of equipment
- Follow security plan and procedures (e.g., newborn security, violence, controlled access)
- Apply principles of infection prevention (e.g., hand hygiene, aseptic technique, isolation, sterile technique, universal/standard enhanced barrier precautions)
- Educate client and staff regarding infection prevention measures
- Follow requirements when using restraints

Clinical Goals/Post Clinical Discussion Prompts