

Critical Thinking Worksheet

Primary problem (medical diagnosis) of patient: _____

1. Define and describe in your OWN WORDS, the pathophysiology of the primary problem of your patient:

2. How would you explain and teach your patient about the pathophysiology of this medical problem using non-medical terminology?

3. What body system(s) are directly impacted by this disease and how are those systems affected?

Body System(s):	How Body Systems is Affected(s):	

4. PRIORITY nursing assessments with this disease? (refer to body system that is most affected). What assessment findings may be abnormal as a result of this illness?

Priority Assessments:	Expected Abnormal Assessments:	

5. What lab tests are altered by this problem? How are those lab tests affected? Does the altered lab test affect any physical assessment findings?

Abnl. Lab Tests:	How Lab Tests Affected:	Does It Impact Assessments:

6. What Medications are most commonly used to manage this problem?

Medications:	Mechanism Of Action (Own Words):	