

Critical Thinking Worksheet

Primary Medical Diagnosis - _____

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

2. How would you explain and teach your patient about the pathophysiology of this medical condition 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 System(s) is/are Affected: |
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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: |
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5. Which PRIORITY lab tests are altered by this disease process/condition?

| Abnormal. Lab Tests: | Value: | Normal Value: | Does It Impact Assessments: |
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| 1. | | | |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |

6. Which medication from your medication worksheet are being used to manage the diagnosis/disease process?

| Medications: | Mechanism Of Action (Own Words): |
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| 1. | |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |

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