

Critical Care Overview Content

Lewis-65

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On-line Content (1.5 hr)

Unit Objectives:

- Discuss ethical and legal issues in the delivery of critical care. (2,7)*
- Describe examples of advocacy witnessed in the clinical areas. (1,2,3,5)*

* End-of-Program Student Learning Outcomes

Assignment:

Read Lewis Chapter 65 pg. 1533-1537 and the Unit 1: Critical Care Nursing PowerPoint.

Read the case study, then answer the case study questions below.

CASE STUDY

- ▶ Margaret Mayfield is a 62 year old female who has been admitted from the ED to the critical care unit, after calling 911 due to severe fatigue, weakness, and fever. Her past medical history includes: dwarfism, HTN, hyperlipidemia, diabetes mellitus, and chronic Foley catheter due to urinary retention. She lives alone in an apartment and has no family members. Her friend is her POA for healthcare, and is the only contact listed. She has a home health aide visit once a week to assist her with bathing and all of her meals are delivered from local take-out restaurants. She utilizes a walker at home, however reports she hasn't been out of bed for the last several days due to weakness and fever. She uses a private ambulance service to go to physician appointments; this is the only time she gets out of her apartment for the last three years. Home medications include carvedilol, simvastatin, aspirin, and insulin. She does not have her medications with her and does not know the doses.

Case Study Questions

- ▶ As the critical care nurse caring for her, what overall concerns do you have?
- ▶ Describe ways in which you would communicate with her and her POA for healthcare. Include what topics you would discuss at this time in her hospitalization.
- ▶ Discuss the ethical issues this case presents.
- ▶ Discuss the legal issues this case presents.
- ▶ In what ways will you serve as an advocate for Margaret?
- ▶ What other departments would you involve in her care, and why?

Place your answers to these questions in the “**Unit 1: Overview CC dropbox**” by **1/11/2023 at 0800**. Be prepared to share and discuss your thoughts in class.

In order to receive full credit (1 hour class time) for this assignment, it must be completed in its entirety by the due date/time assigned. Any assignments not completed in its entirety will result in missed class time.