

Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing  
Nursing Care Map

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Noticing/Recognizing Cues:

**\*Highlight all related/relevant data from the Noticing boxes that support the top priority problem\***

Assessment findings\*:

- \*Flat affect
- \*Blood pressure:119/58
- \*Denial
- \*Respiratory rate:16
- \*Circumstantiality
- \*pulse rate:69
- \*euthymic mood
- \*flustered
- \*anxiety
- \*withdrawn

Lab findings/diagnostic tests\*:

- \*Triglycerides:59
- \*Cholesterol:154
- \* LDL Cholesterol: 75
- \*Vitamin D: 25.5L
- \*HDL Cholesterol: 67
- \*TSH 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen:1.29
- no other lab was out of range

Risk factors\*:

- \*unspecified psychosis
- \*mood (affective) disorder
- \*22 years old
- \*female
- \*Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- \*paranoid thoughts

Interpreting/Analyzing Cues/  
Prioritizing Hypotheses/  
Generating Solutions:

Nursing priorities\*:

**\*Highlight the top nursing priority problem\***

- \*Disturbed sleep pattern
- \*Fatigue
- \*Hopelessness
- **\*ineffective denial**
- \*ineffective coping
- \*insomnia
- \*Post traumatic syndrome and risk for post-trauma syndrome
- \*Social isolation
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Potential complications for the top priority:

- \*Delusions
  - patient does not want to take medications such as Geodon because they don't want to be "labeled"
  - persistently holding grudges
  - feelings of being exploited
- \*Anxiety
  - heart pounding
  - sweating
  - muscle tension
- \*stress
  - headaches
  - nausea
  - irritable

Goal Statement: Patient will be acceptance of their mental health illness

## Responding/Taking Actions:

### Nursing interventions for the top priority:

\*Assess the patient's anxiety every hour

Ensure the patient levels of anxiety are not elevating

\*Assess Patient's duration of denial and any other defense mechanism used by client Q6h

-Clients in early stage of denial may be more amenable to intervention than those who are well entrenched in their beliefs

\*Assess skills to meet goals and problem solve Q24H

-want to see the patients moving forward in treatment and is looking actively of ways to reach goals they have set

\*assess patients levels of fatigue and amount of sleep Q24H (Wagner, 2023)

-Patients with ineffective denial have often a hard time with sleep

\*Assess vital signs every 12 hours

-patients with denial may present with anxiety and some levels that may be elevated would be is blood pressure, heart rate, and elevated respirations

\*provide a safe, non-threatening environment q4h

-Therapeutic milieu encourages client to talk freely without fear of judgment

\*Present accurate information about clients diagnosis/situation and treatment regimen without insisting that the client accept what has been presented q2hrs

-avoids confrontation, which may further make the client in denial

\*Encourage client to participate in group activities q2hrs

-patients in denial need ongoing support to move forward with accepting the reality of life

\*Involve patients in group sessions Q2hrs

-So patient can hear others views of reality to test her perceptions

\*Educate patient on deep breathing exercises and calm stimuli q2hrs

-patients that are in a state of denial can be anxious and need coping skills to to help alleviate that

\*educate on the importance of medication therapy Q1hr

-patient did not want to be "labelled" so they refused their Geodon and this is an important medication for their treatment

## Reflecting/Evaluate Outcomes:

### Evaluation of the top priority:

\*Patients in denial

\*Patient able to maintain focus in conversation

\*Patient still appears withdrawn

\*Patient has a broad affect

\*patients Vitamin D level is the same:25.5L

\*Patient is involved in therapy group

-Will continue plan of care