

UNIT 1 CRITICAL CARE OVERVIEW, CASE STUDY QUESTIONS. 1/8/2025,
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1. My overall concerns are this patient's inability to care for herself properly and lack of support living independently. With a fever and chronic foley and only getting help with hygiene once a week from a home health agency is not nearly enough support. Infection would be a concern. Skin would be a concern. Mobility as patient has not been moving but just laying in bed.
2. I would communicate her condition with her POA and request they retrieve all medications from patient's home so we can confirm what medications that are currently being taken. I would also ask some questions about the patient's current health conditions to determine knowledge of care needed. I would also discuss care needed going forward. This patient may need more support to live at home independently.
3. Ethical issues in this care would be is it safe for this patient to return home. Can this patient care for self properly without someone present more frequently.
4. Legal issues for this case would be to make sure that the named POA is indeed a POA by providing proof of proper documentation. I would also look into contacting family with patient's permission.
5. I would serve as an advocate by voicing my concerns about this patient living independently and taking care of herself properly.
6. Other departments that would need to be involved would be PT/OT, maybe wound care for any skin issues. Cardiology, a dietician due to poor diet of eating takeout. Case management or social work would for sure need to be involved in this care.