

N321 Care Plan #

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Demographics (3 points)

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| Date of Admission 1-28-2021 | Patient Initials P. | Age 90 | Gender F |
| Race/Ethnicity White | Occupation retired insurance agent | Marital Status widowed | Allergies bananas, lactose, Codein (mild rash), Penicillins (mild rash) |
| Code Status DNR | Height 4'5" | Weight 105 lbs | |

Medical History (5 Points)

Past Medical History: hypothyroidism, coronary artery disease, heart failure, kidney disease

Past Surgical History: total right hip replacment (unknown date), masectomy of left breast (2004), Catatct sugery on left eye (2017)

Family History: Son-malignment tumor of left lung, chronic obstructive lung disease, heart disease

Social History (tobacco/alcohol/drugs): No

Assistive Devices: walker, glasses

Living Situation: Lives alone with no pets

Education Level: high school diploma

Admission Assessment

Chief Complaint (2 points): fall, back pain

History of present Illness (10 points): Patient has been having a lot of fall spells lately, but has been able to maintin until now. Patient was disoriented when arrived. She expressed nonverble indicators of pain. Patient was hanging curtains up on a window while standing on the bed. She lost her balance and hit her head on the floor.

Primary Diagnosis

Primary Diagnosis on Admission (2 points):.Altered mental status

Secondary Diagnosis (if applicable):.none

Pathophysiology of the Disease, APA format (20 points):

An altered state of mind is associated with Alzheimer's disease in this case. Alzheimers is the formation of “plaques” in the brain. These plaques are thought to make it difficult to remember things that the normal person would on a daily basis. This is thought to be a gradual development and most often seen in the older population.

When people have this disease, it makes daily life harder than normal. Things such as eating, bathing, and sleeping become harder to remember to do. Family members start to notice it as it begins for the most part, however it has to hit a certain level for it to become infeasible for the person to live alone.

As a person with altered state of mind, these types of things are happening. Remembering the normal daily tasks is harder and a balancing issue can begin to manifest. The equilibrium in the brain becomes offset. There is no cure for this. Age is the primary thought of the reasons for its development.

Pathophysiology References (2) (APA):

Cummings, J. (2021). Drug Development for Psychotropic, Cognitive-Enhancing, and Disease-Modifying Treatments for Alzheimer’s Disease. *The Journal of Neuropsychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences*, 33(1), 3–13.

<https://ezproxy.lakeviewcol.edu:2097/10.1176/appi.neuropsych.20060152>

Laboratory Data (15 points)

CBC Highlight All Abnormal Labs—Explanations must be in complete sentences and contain in-text citations in APA format.

| Lab | Normal Range | Admission Value | Today's Value | Reason for Abnormal Value |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| RBC | 4.40-5.80 | | 3.95 | Associated with kidney disease |
| Hgb | 13-16.5 | | 12.2 | |
| Hct | 38.0-50.0% | | 38.1 | |
| Platelets | 140-400 | | 169 | |
| WBC | 4.0-12 | | 6.0 | |
| Neutrophils | 40-60% | | 58.4% | |
| Lymphocytes | 20-40% | | 27.6% | |
| Monocytes | 0.2-1.0 | | 7.7 | infection |
| Eosinophils | 1-4% | | 4.8 | associated with kidney disease |
| Bands | 0-4% | | n/a | |

Chemistry Highlight All Abnormal Labs—Explanations must be in complete sentences and contain in-text citations in APA format.

| Lab | Normal Range | Admission Value | Today's Value | Reason For Abnormal |
|------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|---|
| Na- | 133-144 | | 142 | |
| K+ | 3.5-5 | | 3.2 | Patient not eating or drinking the correct amount of fluids and food. This is associated with her malnutrition. |
| Cl- | 98-107 | | 111 | Associated with dehydration issue and kidney failure |
| CO2 | 22-28 | | 22 | |
| Glucose | 70-99 | | 82 | |
| BUN | 7-25 | | 23 | |
| Creatinine | 0.50-1.20 | | 0.99 | |

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| Albumin | 3.5-5.3 | | 3.4 | dehydration |
| Calcium | 8.8-10.2 | | 8.9 | |
| Mag | 1.6-2.6 | | 1.9 | |
| Phosphate | 2.5-4.5 | | n/a | |
| Bilirubin | <0.5 | | 0.6 | |
| Alk Phos | 39-104 | | 123 | Possible gallstone: more tests are being run |
| AST | 13-39 | | 31 | |
| ALT | 7-52 | | 16 | |
| Amylase | 23-85 | | n/a | |
| Lipase | 0-160 | | n/a | |
| Lactic Acid | 0.5-1 | | n/a | |

Other Tests Highlight All Abnormal Labs—Explanations must be in complete sentences and contain in-text citations in APA format.

| Lab Test | Normal Range | Value on Admission | Today's Value | Reason for Abnormal |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| INR | 0.8-1.2 | | n/a | |
| PT | 10-14 sec | | n/a | |
| PTT | 30-45 sec | | n/a | |
| D-Dimer | <0.5 | | n/a | |
| BNP | <100 | | n/a | |
| HDL | <200 | | n/a | |
| LDL | >60 | | n/a | |

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| Cholesterol | <200 | | n/a | |
| Triglycerides | <140 | | n/a | |
| Hgb A1c | >6.5 | | n/a | |
| TSH | 0.4-4.0 | | n/a | |

Urinalysis **Highlight All Abnormal Labs**—Explanations must be in complete sentences and contain in-text citations in APA format.

| Lab Test | Normal Range | Value on Admission | Today's Value | Reason for Abnormal |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|---|
| Color & Clarity | yellow and clear | yellow clear | | |
| pH | 5.0-9.0 | 7.0 | | |
| Specific Gravity | 1.005-1.030 | 1.020 | | |
| Glucose | neg | neg | | |
| Protein | neg | neg | | |
| Ketones | neg | 40 | | |
| WBC | neg | neg | | |
| RBC | neg | trace intact | | Possible renal injury causing the blood. Also has kidney failure. |
| Leukoesterase | neg | neg | | |

Cultures **Highlight All Abnormal Labs**—Explanations must be in complete sentences and contain in-text citations in APA format.

| Test | Normal Range | Value on Admission | Today's Value | Explanation of Findings |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Urine Culture | n/a | n/a | | |
| Blood Culture | n/a | n/a | | |

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|-----------------------|-----|-----|--|--|
| Sputum Culture | n/a | n/a | | |
| Stool Culture | n/a | n/a | | |

Lab Correlations Reference (APA):

Brunner & Suddarth's Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing (14th ed.). Philadelphia:

Wolters Kluwer. Ignatavicius, D.D., Workman, M.L., & Rebar, C.R. (2018).

Diagnostic Imaging

All Other Diagnostic Tests (5 points):

Diagnostic Test Correlation (5 points):

1-28-21

CT of head- No fractures or acute intracranial abnormalities

CT of cervical- No acute fractures

CT of chest- rib cage is notable and there are identified fracture of rib cage. (the 10th and 9th ribs on the left side) and mild sclerosis that suggest old, healed rib fractures.

CT of abdomen- Cholelithiasis of gallbladder, cyst of left ovary, diverticulitis of the colon

EKG 12 Lead- left ventricle hypertrophy and ST-T abnormality

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MRI of head- suggest cerebrovascular infarction

MRI of chest- suggest interval development of nodule along pleural surface of medial aspect of the right lower lobe. Renal insufficiency prohibiting use of IV, CT, or MRI contrast

2-2-21

US Echo- mildly dilated left atrium, mild aortic regurgitation and aortic sclerosis, aortic valve is mildly thickened

Ultrasound Carotid Artery with duplex dopler- indicated a stroke, occlusion and stenosis of carotid artery

Summary of tests:

The tests were all done in order to confirm the suspicion of a stroke in the patient. The patient could not be injected with any type of contrast due to a possible life threatening reaction. The CT scan is a test that allows the doctor to see inside of the body without cutting into the body. An EKG machine measures electrical signals from one's heart to check for different heart conditions. An MRI scanner uses strong magnetic fields, magnetic field gradients, and radio waves to generate images of the organs in the body. The US Echo is a machine that uses sound waves to create a picture of one's heart chambers, valves, walls, and blood vessels. A duplex/doppler ultrasound is used to measure blood flow from major veins and arteries.

Diagnostic Test Reference (APA):

Brunner & Suddarth's Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing (14th ed.). Philadelphia:

Wolters Kluwer. Ignatavicius, D.D., Workman, M.L., & Rebar, C.R. (2018).

**Current Medications (10 points, 1 point per completed med)
*10 different medications must be completed***

Home Medications (5 required)

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| Brand/Generic | Aspirin | atorvastatin | levothyroxin | metoprolol | acetometohine |
| Dose | 81 mg | 5 mg | 100 mg | 100 mg | 650mg |
| Frequency | daily | daily at bedtime | daily | daily | every 8 hours PRN |
| Route | oral | oral | oral | oral | oral |
| Classification | NSAID's | Antilipernics | thyroid hormone replacement | antihypertensive | analgesics |
| Mechanism of Action | Thought to produce analgesia and exert its anti-inflammatory effect by inhibiting prostaglandin and other substances that synthesize pain | Inhibits HMG-CoA reductase, an early step in cholesterol biosynthesis. | Synthetic form of thyroxine that affects the growth tissue, energy expenditure, and the turnover of all substrates. | Unknown: selective beta-blocker that selectively blocks beta receptors, decreases cardiac output, peripheral resistance, and cardiac oxygen consumption | thought to produce analgesia by inhibiting prostaglandin and other substances that sensitize pain receptors. Drugs may relieve |

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| | receptors. drug . | | | , and depresses renin secretion. | fever through central action in the hypothalamic regulating center. |
| Reason Client Taking | prevent ischemic stroke | reduce cholesterol | hypothyroidism | prevent MI | pain |
| Contraindications (2) | acute peptic ulcer disease caution with any type of lesions | patients with hepatic impairment heavy alcohol use | acute MI hypothyroidism if used continuously with diabetes | hypersensitive to beta-blockers avoid initiating high doses | hypersensitivity to drug severe hepatic impairment |
| Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (2) | rash dizziness | insomnia dyspepsia | tachycardia palpitations | bronchospasm edema | anxiety abdominal pain |
| Nursing Considerations (2) | Give on a regular schedule. Monitor patients for hypersensitive reactions. | Some dosage can contain polysorbate 80, which can delay hypersensitive reactions. Stop drugs if patient has renal failure. | Watch for angina, coronary occlusion, or stroke. Can cause bone loss. | Check apical pulse before giving drugs. If it is slower than 60 BPM do not give monitor BP. | Be aware of all medications because many contain this drug in them. Avoid dosage errors leading to overdose or death. |

Hospital Medications (5 required)

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|-----------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| Brand/Generic | lorazepam | levenox | potassium chloride | hydralazine | Nitrostat |
| Dose | 0.5 mg | 30 mg | 40 mEq | 10 mg | 0.4 mg |
| Frequency | once | every 24 hours | daily | very 8 hours PRN | every 15 min PRN |
| Route | IV push | Sub-q injection | oral | IV push | oral |
| Classification | Anxiolytics | anticoagulant | potassium replacement | antihypertensive | Vasodilator |
| Mechanism of Action | potentiates the effects of GABA, depresses the CNS, and suppresses the spread of seizure activity | synthetic form of thyroxin that affects the growth tissue, energy expenditure, and the turnover of all substrates | replaces potassium and maintains potassium level | direct acting peripheral vasodilator that relaxes arteriolar smooth muscle | reduces myocardial O ₂ demand by decreasing left ventricle end diastolic pressure and to lesser extent, systemic vascular resistance. Also increases blood flow through collateral coronary vessels |
| Reason Client Taking | short term anxiety relief | Get the patients THS level to rise to acceptable levels | stabilize potassium level | lower blood pressure | prevent MI relieve chest tightness |

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| Contraindications (2) | intra-arterial administration patients with glaucoma | acute MI Use cautiously with diabetes | renal failure/impairment use with caution with cardiac disease | contraindicated in those with CAD or mitral valvular rheumatic heart disease may cause bloody dyscrasias | patient with early MI, severe anemia, or increased ICP. Use cautiously with patients with hypertension or volume depletion |
| Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (2) | hypotension agitation | tachycardia palpitations | potassium phlebitis | neutropenia muscle cramps | abdominal pain orthostatic hypotension |
| Nursing Considerations (2) | Monitor hepatic, renal, and hematopoietic function. Don't use alprazolam, clonazepam, or levamisole. | Watch for angina, coronary occlusion, or stroke. Can cause bone loss. | Monitor EKG and electrolytes. Monitor renal function. | Monitor BP, pulse, and weight. In HTN patients, the therapeutic response may be delayed several weeks. | Monitor BP. Wipe of nitroglycerin paste or remove patch before defibrillation to avoid patient burns. |

Medications Reference (APA):

Alcaraz, Q. J., Molina, Á., Laguna, J., Rodríguez, G. M., Gutiérrez, G., Luis Bedini, J., & Merino, A.

(2021). Peripheral blood morphology review and diagnostic proficiency evaluation by a new

Spanish EQAS during the period 2011–2019. *International Journal of Laboratory*

Hematology, 43(1), 44–51. <https://ezproxy.lakeviewcol.edu/2097/10.1111/ijlh.13319>

Assessment

Physical Exam (18 points)

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| <p>GENERAL (1 point): Alertness: Alert to person Orientation: confused Distress: no acute distress Overall appearance: clean</p> | |
| <p>INTEGUMENTARY (2 points): Skin color: white Character: dry Temperature: warm to the touch Turgor: 5 seconds Rashes: none Bruises: present on the right forearm in a scattered pattern. present on the lower legs on both sides scattered Wounds: .none open Braden Score: 20 Drains present: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N X Type:</p> | |

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| <p>HEENT (1 point): Head/Neck: head and neck symmetrical Ears: pink and moist with no lesions Eyes: sclera is white and pupils are reactive to light Nose: nose is midline and appears to have no deviation Teeth: no top teeth present and bottom teeth appear yellow and damaged. No dentures.</p> | <p>.</p> |
| <p>CARDIOVASCULAR (2 points): Heart sounds: S1, S2, S3, S4, murmur etc. Cardiac rhythm (if applicable): S1 and S2 are present but weak Peripheral Pulses: present but weak bilaterally on arms and legs Capillary refill: more than 3 seconds Neck Vein Distention: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N X Edema Y <input type="checkbox"/> N X Location of Edema:</p> | <p>.</p> |
| <p>RESPIRATORY (2 points): Accessory muscle use: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N X Breath Sounds: Location, character Lungs sound clear with no cracks, wheezes, or ronchi bilaterally</p> | <p>.</p> |
| <p>GASTROINTESTINAL (2 points): Diet at home: regular Current Diet: regular Height: 4'7" Weight: 98 Auscultation Bowel sounds: hypoactive in all four quads Last BM: yesterday Palpation: Pain, Mass etc.: no pain Inspection: Distention: scaphoid Incisions: n/a Scars: n/a Drains: no Wounds: no Ostomy: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N X Nasogastric: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N X Size: Feeding tubes/PEG tube Y <input type="checkbox"/> N X</p> | <p>.</p> |

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| <p>Type:</p> | |
| <p>GENITOURINARY (2 Points): Color: dark yellow Character: clear Quantity of urine: minimal to none Pain with urination: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dialysis: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inspection of genitals: Catheter: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Type: Size:</p> | |
| <p>MUSCULOSKELETAL (2 points): Neurovascular status: ROM: patient has a normal ROM Supportive devices: walker and glasses Strength: equal bilaterally for arms, legs, feet, and hands ADL Assistance: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall Risk: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Score: 15.0 Activity/Mobility Status: Active with the use of a walker Independent (up ad lib) : one assist <input type="checkbox"/> Needs assistance with equipment: no <input type="checkbox"/> Needs support to stand and walk: yes</p> | |
| <p>NEUROLOGICAL (2 points): MAEW: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> PERLA: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Strength Equal: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> if no - Legs <input type="checkbox"/> Arms <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Orientation: impaired Mental Status: impaired Speech: clear Sensory: impaired LOC: no</p> | |
| <p>PSYCHOSOCIAL/CULTURAL (2 points): Coping method(s): Developmental level: Religion & what it means to pt.: Personal/Family Data (Think about home environment, family structure, and available family support): Patient has a strong relationship with her</p> | |

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| son. He lives down the street from her. Husband passes away many years ago but she feels okay with her relationship with all of her children (5). | |
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Vital Signs, 2 sets (5 points)

| Time | Pulse | B/P | Resp Rate | Temp | Oxygen |
|----------|-------|--------|-----------|------|--------|
| 7:00 am | 61 | 145/51 | 16 | 98.8 | 98 |
| 1:00 pm. | 66 | 149/59 | 18 | 97.8 | 99 |

Pain Assessment, 2 sets (2 points)

| Time | Scale | Location | Severity | Characteristics | Interventions |
|---------|-------|---------------------|----------|------------------|---------------|
| 7:00 am | 1-10 | unable to verbalize | 6 | pointing to head | given tylenol |
| 1:00pm | 1-10 | n/a | 0 | n/a | n/a |

IV Assessment (2 Points)

| IV Assessment | Fluid Type/Rate or Saline Lock |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Size of IV: Location of IV: Date on IV: Patency of IV: Signs of erythema, drainage, etc.: IV dressing assessment: | IV was removed and discontinued |

Intake and Output (2 points)

| Intake (in mL) | Output (in mL) |
|----------------|----------------|
| 240 | 100 |

Nursing Care

Summary of Care (2 points)

Overview of care: Needs help caring for self due to falls and memory problems

Procedures/testing done: Blood drawn, CT scan, MRI, EKG, US Echo, and Ultrasound
dopler

Complaints/Issues: Patient is confused about current events.

Vital signs (stable/unstable):stable

Tolerating diet, activity, etc.:normal diet, 1-assist with ambulation

Physician notifications: follow up appointment in a month

Future plans for patient:Nursing facility care or assisted living facility

Discharge Planning (2 points)

Discharge location:unknown at this time (possibly Paxton nursing facility)

Home health needs (if applicable):n/a

Equipment needs (if applicable):walker

Follow up plan:follow up appointment with physician in a month

Education needs:continuous education on no ambulating without help. continues
orientation to place and reason for hospitalization.

Nursing Diagnosis (15 points)

Must be NANDA approved nursing diagnosis and listed in order of priority

| Nursing Diagnosis | Rational | Intervention (2 per | Evaluation |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Include full nursing diagnosis with “related to” and “as evidenced by” components | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain why the nursing diagnosis was chosen | <p>dx)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How did the patient/family respond to the nurse’s actions? ● Client response, status of goals and outcomes, modifications to plan. |
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| <p>1. Risk for frail elderly syndrome related to altered mental status as evidenced by malnutrition</p> | <p>I chose this because she is malnourished and the nursing diagnoses of frail elderly syndrome is a fit to this</p> | <p>1. provide nutritional education 2. suggest a nutritional replacement drink (boost)</p> | <p>Patient seemed acceptable to the idea and voiced that she enjoys the taste of boost.</p> |
| <p>2. Risk for electrolyte imbalance related to malnutrition as evidenced by potassium levels</p> | <p>Patient has a potassium deficiency and this is a vital electrolyte</p> | <p>1. Provide potassium supplement 2. monitor patient on EKG for possible dysrhythmia</p> | <p>Patient was willing and able to take the medication needed and agreed to have the EKG attached to monitor cardiac rhythm.</p> |
| <p>3. Risk for activity intolerance related to recent fall as evidenced by unsteady gait</p> | <p>Patient is not able to ambulate well unassisted</p> | <p>1. A walker has been implemented to patient 2. Fall precautions are being utilized (camera in room to constantly monitor patient activities)</p> | <p>Patient needs continuous education on the need to use the walker in order to ambulate and also to not ambulate without help. She was understanding of the need for the assistive device, however did not like the precautions put in place for her safety</p> |

Other References (APA):

Ackley, B. J., & Ladwig, G. B. (2014). *Nursing diagnosis handbook: an evidence-based guide to planning care*.

Tenth edition. Maryland Heights, Missouri: Mosby Elsevier

Concept Map (20 Points):

Subjective Data

Nursing Diagnosis/Outcomes

Objective Data

Patient Information

Nursing Interventions

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Subjective Data:

lives in Watska and son lives down the street

States she doesn't know what happened but she fell hanging curtains.

Knows she should not be doing things like this alone.

Objective Data:

BP 149/59

Pulse 66

respiration rate at 18

Temperature 97.8

Oxygen saturation 99

Low RBC count

Low potassium

Low chloride

RBC in urine

Low TSH levels

Disorientated

Patient information:

90 years old widower

DNR code status

Allergic to bananas, lactose, codeine, isosorbide, keflex, and penicillins

Lives alone

Has hypothyroidism, coronary artery disease, and heart failure

Nursing Diagnoses:

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Risk for frail elderly syndrome related to altered mental status as evidenced by malnutrition
--Patient seemed acceptable to the idea and voiced that she enjoys the taste of boost.

Risk for electrolyte imbalance related to malnutrition as evidenced by potassium levels
--Patient was willing and able to take the medication needed and agreed to have the EKG attached to monitor cardiac rhythm.

Risk for activity intolerance related to recent fall as evidenced by unsteady gait
--Patient needs continuous education on the need to use the walker in order to ambulate and also to not ambulate without help. She was understanding of the need for the assistive device, however did not like the precautions put in place for her safety

Nursing interventions:

A walker has been implemented to patient

Fall precautions are being utilized (camera in room to constantly monitor patients activities)

Provide potassium supplement

monitor patient on EKG for possible dysrhythmia

provide nutritional education

suggest a nutritional replacement drink (boost)

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