

N321 Care Plan # 2  
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**Demographics (3 points)**

<b>Date of Admission</b> 10/16/21	<b>Patient Initials</b> S. L. N.	<b>Age</b> 71 y/o	<b>Gender</b> Female
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b> Caucasian	<b>Occupation</b> Retired (Part time worker)	<b>Marital Status</b> Single	<b>Allergies</b> -Cipro: Diarrhea -Claforan -Darvocet-N-50 -Decadron -Imitrex -Lexapro -Tramadol -Sulfa drugs -Propoxyphene -Meloxicam -Penicillin -Ultram -Valium
<b>Code Status</b> Full code	<b>Height</b> 163 cm	<b>Weight</b> 98 kg	

**Medical History (5 Points)**

**Past Medical History:** Back pain, Bilateral carotid artery stenosis, Chest pain, Chronic respiratory failure with hypoxia, Depression with anxiety, Elevated Alk phos level, Fall risk, Fibromyalgia, History of gout, History of PE, History of TIA, Hypercholesterolemia, Hypertensive cardiovascular disease, Morbid obesity, Multiple pulmonary nodules, Numbness and tingling, OSA, Paraseptal emphysema, Peripheral edema, Polio, Polycythemia, Stage 2 moderate COPD

**Past Surgical History:** Arthroscopy shoulder and rotator cuff repair (right): 12/6/2018, Cataract: 8/2017, Achilles tendon: 1996, Ganglion cyst of left wrist: 1973, Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy: 1968, History of orthopedic surgery

**Family History:** Father: Lung cancer, Psoriasis

Mother: Anxiety, COPD, Depression, Diabetes Mellitus, Gout, Heart attack, Hypertension, TB

Brother: COPD

**Social History (tobacco/alcohol/drugs):** Tobacco: 10 cigs a day starting at age 22 y/o, Total years smoked: 49, Alcohol: Drinks beer 1-2 times a year, only 1-2 drinks per occasion, has drank since 21 y/o, Total years of drinking: 50 years, No recreational drug use

**Assistive Devices:** Pt uses walker, top set of dentures, and oxygen at home (was on 2 L O2 at home)

**Living Situation:** Pt lives at home with long term partner who cares for her

**Education Level:** Pt is High school educated

### **Admission Assessment**

**Chief Complaint (2 points):** Red/swollen left arm, pt is also experiencing shortness of breath

**History of present Illness (10 points): Onset:** On 10/16/21 a 71 y/o female arrived at Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital with worsening pain in her left upper extremity with swelling. This patient, with a history of oxygen use at home for COPD, was also experiencing episodes of shortness of breath. **Location:** The patient reports her pain is in the “left arm” and that she also has an uncomfortable rash all along her left forearm. **Duration:** The patient reports noticing her left arm swelling “for a couple of weeks” so she visited her primary care physician a few days ago and had a Doppler of her left upper extremity to assess the swelling. **Characteristics:** The patient describes her rash pain as “burning and really tender to touch” and her overall left arm extremity pain as “swollen, and painful to move”. **Aggravating Factors:** The patient reports that “moving” her arm and “laying on her left side” makes her pain worse. **Relieving Factors:** The patient prefers sitting up in her chair not only to help with her breathing but also to keep “pressure off her left arm” which makes the pain worse. **Treatment:** The patient only reports

taking her prescribed at home medications for the pain. **Severity:** The patient states her pain was a 4 out of 10 on the numeric scale.

### **Primary Diagnosis**

**Primary Diagnosis on Admission (2 points):** Left arm cellulitis

**Secondary Diagnosis (if applicable):** Mediastinal mass in left axillary: possible malignancy

**Pathophysiology of the Disease, APA format (20 points):** Cellulitis is a common skin bacterial infection which results from a crack or break in your skin (possible bites or wounds) that allows bacteria to enter (Mayo Clinic, 2020). These bacteria include, most commonly streptococcus and staphylococcus, however the incidence of a more serious staphylococcus infection called methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) is increasing (Mayo Clinic, 2020). At the cellular level the cellulitis organism invades the compromised area, and it overwhelms the defensive cell such as neutrophils, eosinophils, basophils, and mast cells which normally contain and localize inflammation (Capriotti, 2020). As cellulitis progresses, the organism invades tissue around the initial wound (Capriotti, 2020). This condition affects the dermis layer of the skin and can even infect the subcutaneous tissue underneath (Mayo Clinic, 2020). The effects of cellulitis on the body overall can include extensive tissue damage and tissue death (gangrene) (Mayo Clinic, 2020). The infection if not properly treated can also spread to the blood, bones, lymph system, heart, and nervous system and can ultimately lead to amputation, shock, or even death (Capriotti, 2020).

Common signs and symptoms of cellulitis include a red area of skin that tends to expand, swelling, tenderness, pain, warmth, fever, blisters, and skin dimpling (Mayo Clinic, 2020). The patient I treated in the hospital experienced all these symptoms. Some laboratory findings that

are a sign of cellulitis include blood cultures, complete blood cell (CBC) with differential, and levels of creatinine, bicarbonate, creatine phosphokinase, and C-reactive protein (CRP) (Capriotti, 2020). Elevated WBCs are also a big indicator of infection including cellulitis. While these tests can be useful in some cases, normally cellulitis is diagnosed with only a doctor examining the skin (Mayo Clinic, 2020). This is because blood cultures do not significantly alter treatment of cellulitis or aid in diagnosing the microbial organisms in acute adult cellulitis in normal immunocompetent individuals (Mayo Clinic, 2020). This explains why the patient I treated never had a wound culture or blood culture done to diagnose their cellulitis. Instead, cellulitis treatment usually includes a prescription oral antibiotic. Clindamycin, the antibiotic prescribed to the patient I treated was not an oral route but an IV route instead, most likely due to the severity. Within three days of starting the antibiotic, your doctor will know whether the infection is responding to treatment (Mayo Clinic, 2020). Cellulitis may also affect certain vital signs such as temperature, heart rate, and blood pressure. This is because cellulitis can cause fever, and pain which can increase blood pressure, and heart rate (Mayo Clinic, 2020). The patient I treated had a normal heart rate and blood pressure, however she did have fever symptoms before arriving at the hospital.

**Pathophysiology References (2) (APA):**

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### 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	3.90-4.98 (mill/cumm)	4.40	4.31	
Hgb	12.0-15.5 (gm/dL)	12.7	12.5	
Hct	35-45%	38.1	37.6	
Platelets	140-400 (1000/mm <sup>3</sup> )	263	281	
WBC	4.0-9.0 (10x <sup>3</sup> / uL)	12.6	12.5	The patients elevated WBC level could be the result of her body fighting the cellulitis infection (Mayo Clinic, 2020).
Neutrophils	40-60%	82.5	81.2	High neutrophil levels can be due to infection, especially bacterial, or other injuries, it is also commonly elevated in smokers (Morris, 2018).
Lymphocytes	0.8-5.0 (10x <sup>3</sup> / uL)	4.8	4.5	
Monocytes	2-8%	9.2	9.3	High monocyte levels in this patient can be due to inflammation, possibly caused by the patient's cellulitis or COPD (Pietrangelo, 2019).
Eosinophils	1-4%	2.8	4.0	
Bands	8-21 (mg/dL)	N/A	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-	135-145 (mEq/L)	134	136	Hyponatremia can occur in COPD patients as a manifestation of secondary water retention (Valli).
K+	3.5-5.1 (mEq/L)	2.7	3.4	Hypokalemia in COPD patients may be caused by respiratory acidosis (Mayo Clinic, 2020).
Cl-	98-107 (mEq/L)	85	88	Low chloride levels may be due to chronic lung disease, such as COPD, particularly emphysema (Seladi-Schulman, 2018).

<b>CO2</b>	22-29 (mEq/L)	36	36	Hypercapnia is commonly caused by COPD, which involves not enough O2 entering the lungs, and not enough CO2 emitting after respiration (Leonard, 2020).
<b>Glucose</b>	70-99 (mg/dL)	134	106	Increased glucose levels can be caused by body stress from infection, such as the patient's cellulitis, or poor diet, and is an indicator for diabetes (Cleveland Clinic, 2020).
<b>BUN</b>	6-20 (mg/dL)	13	14	
<b>Creatinine</b>	0.50-1.00 (mg/dL)	0.53	0.56	
<b>Albumin</b>	3.5-5.2 (gm/dL)	3.4	3.5	Low albumin levels may indicate a diet low in protein, or it could also be the result of inflammation resulting from serious infections (Jewell, 2018).
<b>Calcium</b>	8.4-10.5 (mg/dL)	9.0	8.8	
<b>Mag</b>	1.6-2.6 (mg/dL)	1.6	N/A	
<b>Phosphate</b>	3.4-4.5 (mg/dL)	N/A	N/A	
<b>Bilirubin</b>	0.0-1.2 (mg/dL)	1.5	1.2	High bilirubin can indicate liver damage, and it is sometimes the result of medications such as antibiotics or codeine, both of which are taken by the patient (Mayo Clinic, 2020).
<b>Alk Phos</b>	35-105 (U/L)	154	159	High Alk Phos levels can indicate bacterial infection, or possibly indicate cancers such as bone, kidney, or liver cancer (Ellis, 2019).
<b>AST</b>	0-32 (U/L)	25	24	
<b>ALT</b>	0-33 (U/L)	28	30	
<b>Amylase</b>	40-140 (U/L)	N/A	N/A	
<b>Lipase</b>	0-160 (U/L)	N/A	N/A	
<b>Lactic Acid</b>	0.5-1 (mmol/L)	N/A	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	0.81-1.20	N/A	N/A	
PT	11.5-15.0 (sec)	N/A	N/A	
PTT	25-35 (sec)	N/A	N/A	
D-Dimer	<0.50 (g/L)	N/A	N/A	
BNP	<125 (pg/mL)	N/A	N/A	
HDL	>40 (mg/dL)	N/A	N/A	
LDL	<100 (mg/dL)	N/A	N/A	
Cholesterol	<200 (mg/dL)	N/A	N/A	
Triglycerides	<150 (mg/dL)	N/A	N/A	
Hgb A1c	4-5.6%	N/A	N/A	
TSH	0.5-5.0 (U/L)	N/A	3.17	

**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	Clear-light yellow	N/A	N/A	
pH	4.5-8.0	N/A	N/A	
Specific Gravity	1.005-1.030	N/A	N/A	
Glucose	0-0.8 (mmol/L)	N/A	N/A	
Protein	0-14 (mg/dL)	N/A	N/A	
Ketones	Negative	N/A	N/A	

<b>WBC</b>	Negative	N/A	N/A	
<b>RBC</b>	Negative	N/A	N/A	
<b>Leukoesterase</b>	Negative	N/A	N/A	

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
<b>Urine Culture</b>	Negative	N/A	N/A	
<b>Blood Culture</b>	Negative	N/A	N/A	
<b>Sputum Culture</b>	Negative	N/A	N/A	
<b>Stool Culture</b>	Negative	N/A	N/A	

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### **Diagnostic Imaging**

#### **All Other Diagnostic Tests (5 points):**

- CT Angiography of the chest:** Due to severity of the swelling left upper extremity a CT was ordered which showed an enlarged left axillary stable mass, and a concern for malignancy in the right subclavian venous return obstructing the SVC. The patient will remain in hospital for further work-up of these findings, looking for malignancy, metastatic breast cancer is a possibility.
- Venous Duplex:** The patient also had an ultrasound of the left arm done to rule out a DVT in the upper extremity, and it came back negative.
- EKG:** An EKG was also ordered to rule out any heart conditions caused by a DVT, and it showed a normal sinus rhythm.

**Diagnostic Test Correlation (5 points):** The CT angiography of the chest was used due to the patient’s symptoms resembling a PE; however incidentally, the results showed a different diagnose of an enlarged left axillary stable mass, which requires further testing. Tests used to diagnose mediastinal masses normally include a CT with contrast, blood tests, ultrasounds, needle biopsy, chest X-ray, MRI, esophagoscopy, bronchoscopy, or a mediastinoscopy with biopsy (Cleveland Clinic, 2019). The venous duplex and EKG were done for a similar reason. The patient’s symptoms were like that of a DVT or PE, so it was important to check the arm for clots and the heart for any damage (Capriotti, 2020).

**Diagnostic Test Reference (1) (APA):**

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

**Home Medications (5 required)**

<b>Brand/Generic</b>	Demdex/ torsemide	Phenergan/ promethazine	Daliresp/ roflumilast	Lyrica/ pregabalin	Xarelto/ rivaroxaban
<b>Dose</b>	20 mg	25 mg	250 mcg	150 mg	20 mg
<b>Frequency</b>	Daily	Up to 3 times daily, PRN	Daily	Twice daily	Once daily in the evening
<b>Route</b>	Oral	Oral	Oral	Oral	Oral
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Pharm:</b> Loop diuretic <b>Thera:</b> Antihypertensive , diuretic	<b>Pharm:</b> Phenothiazine <b>Thera:</b> Antiemetic, antihistamine, antivertigo, sedative- hypnotic	<b>Pharm:</b> Selective phosphodiesteras e 4 inhibitor <b>Thera:</b> Antipulmonic obstructive agent	<b>Pharm:</b> Gamma- aminobutyric acid (GABA) analogue <b>Thera:</b> Analgesic, anticonvulsant	<b>Pharm:</b> Factor Xa inhibitor <b>Thera:</b> Anticoagulant
<b>Mechanism of Action</b>	Blocks chloride and sodium	Competes with histamine for	Increases intracellular	Binds to alpha2- delta site, an	Selectively blocks the active

	reabsorption in the ascending loop of Henle by promoting rapid excretion of chloride, sodium, and water. Also increases renal prostaglandins, increasing plasma renin level and renal vasodilation. This results in lowered blood pressure, reducing preload and afterload.	H1 receptor sites, antagonizing many histamine effects. Also prevents motion sickness, nausea, and vertigo by acting centrally on medullary chemoreceptive trigger zone and decreasing labyrinthine function in inner ear.	cyclic AMP in lung cells by inhibiting a major cyclic AMP-metabolizing enzyme in lung tissue to improve pulmonary function.	auxiliary subunit of voltage calcium channels, in CNS tissue where it reduces calcium dependent neurotransmitters. With fewer neurotransmitters, pain sensation and seizure activity decline.	site of factor Xa, which plays a central role in the cascade of blood coagulation. Without the action of factor Xa, blood clotting is impaired.
<b>Reason Client Taking</b>	Treats client's hypertension	Treats client's nausea/vomiting	Treats and prevents client's COPD exacerbations	Treats client's fibromyalgia pain	Client takes this to prevent DVT and major cardiovascular events
<b>Contraindications (2)</b>	-Hypersensitivity to torsemide -Torsemide-induced hypokalemia	-Hypertensive crisis -Lower respiratory tract disorders	-Hypersensitivity to roflumilast -Severe liver impairment	-Hypersensitivity to pregabalin -Depression/suicidal thoughts	-Active pathological bleeding -Hypersensitivity to rivaroxaban
<b>Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (2)</b>	-CV: hypotension, ECG abnormalities -Hypocalcemia	-CV: bradycardia, hypotension, hypertension -RESP: apnea, respiratory depression	-CNS: anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation -GU: acute renal failure, UTI	-HEME: Leukopenia, thrombocytopenia -RESP: Apnea, dyspnea	-GI: abdominal pain, GI bleeding -HEME: Hemorrhage, thrombocytopenia
<b>Nursing Considerations (2)</b>	-Expect torsemide-induced electrolyte imbalances, monitor -Advise patient to change position slowly due to orthostatic hypotension	-Monitor respiratory function, drug may suppress cough reflex and thicken secretions in COPD -Urge patient to avoid excessive sun exposure and wear sunscreen outdoors	-Monitor for suicidal tendencies and insomnia -Monitor patient weight and notify prescriber if significant weight loss occurs	-Therapy should be stopped gradually at least over a week -Monitor for suicidal behavior especially when therapy starts or the dosage changes	-Should not be given to patients with hepatic impairment -Monitor patient closely for bleeding

**Hospital Medications (5 required)**

<b>Brand/Generic</b>	Pulmicort/ budesonide	Cleocin/ clindamycin	Oxeze Turbuhaler (CAN)/ formoterol fumarate	Yupelri/ revfenacin	Verazine/ zinc sulfate
<b>Dose</b>	0.25 mg/ 2 ml	450 mg/ 3 ml	20 mcg/ 2 ml	175 mcg/ 3 ml	220 mg

<b>Frequency</b>	Twice a day	Every 6 hours	Twice a day	Daily	Twice a day
<b>Route</b>	Nebulized inhalation	IV piggyback	Nebulized inhalation	Nebulized inhalation	Oral
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Pharm:</b> Corticosteroid <b>Thera:</b> Antiasthmatic, anti-inflammatory	<b>Pharm:</b> Lincosamide <b>Thera:</b> Antibiotic	<b>Pharm:</b> Selective beta 2 adrenergic agonist <b>Thera:</b> Bronchodilator	<b>Pharm:</b> Anticholinergic <b>Thera:</b> bronchodilator	<b>Pharm:</b> Trace element, mineral <b>Thera:</b> Nutritional supplement
<b>Mechanism of Action</b>	Inhibits inflammatory cells and mediators, possibly by decreasing influx into nasal passages, bronchial walls, or the intestines. Results in airway inflammation decreasing. Oral inhalation form also inhibits mucus secretion in airways, decreasing the amount and viscosity of sputum.	Inhibits protein synthesis in susceptible bacteria by binding to the 50S subunits of bacterial ribosomes and preventing peptide bond formation, which causes bacterial cells to die.	Attaches to beta2 receptors on bronchial membranes, stimulating the intracellular enzyme adenylyl cyclase to convert adenosine triphosphate to cAMP. Results in increased intracellular cAMP level which inhibits histamine release, relaxing bronchial smooth muscle cells.	Inhibits muscarinic receptor M3 in smooth muscles of the airways to produce bronchodilation.	Needed for proper functions of more than 200 metalloenzymes. Also helps maintain cell structure, nucleic acid, and protein structure. Essential for certain physiologic functions like cell growth. Also provides cellular antioxidant protection by scavenging free radicals and can decrease absorption of copper.
<b>Reason Client Taking</b>	Client takes this to manage COPD to prevent breathing difficulty	Client takes this for cellulitis infection on left arm	Client takes this as long-term treatment for COPD	Client takes this for maintenance therapy of COPD	Client takes Zinc to supplement nutritional needs, as well as boost immune system, manage blood sugar, and promote healthy heart and blood vessels
<b>Contraindications (2)</b>	- Hypersensitivity to budesonide -Nasal trauma	- Hypersensitivity to clindamycin -Tartrazine-sensitive patients	- Hypersensitivity to formoterol -High BP	- Hypersensitivity to revefenacin -Hepatic impairment	- Hypersensitivity to zinc -Those with high amount of oxalic acid in urine
<b>Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (2)</b>	-EENT: dry mouth, candidiasis -GI: pancreatitis, rectal bleeding	-CV: hypotension -GI: c-diff, diarrhea	-CV: arrhythmias, hypotension -RESP: bronchospasm	-RESP: bronchitis, paradoxical bronchospasms -CNS: dizziness, headache	-CNS: neurologic deterioration -GI: gastric irritation, nausea,

<b>Nursing Considerations (2)</b>	-Do not give to patients with milk allergy -Advise patient to rinse mouth afterwards to prevent throat infection	-Monitor CBC, liver enzymes, and platelet counts for prolonged therapy -Assess bowel pattern daily, checking for signs of c-diff infection	-Monitor for paradoxical bronchospasm -Monitor for increase in BP and pulse rate	-Do not use during life threatening COPD episodes -Use cautiously in patients with urinary retention	vomiting -Can cause copper deficiency monitor serum copper levels -Take zinc 1-2 hours before meal
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**Medications Reference (1) (APA):**

Jones & Bartlett Learning. (2020). *Nurse's Drug Handbook* (19th ed.).

**Assessment**

**Physical Exam (18 points)**

<b>GENERAL (1 point):</b> Alertness: Orientation: Distress: Overall appearance:	Alert and responsive A&O x4 Pt distressed due to SOB Well-groomed and appropriately dressed
<b>INTEGUMENTARY (2 points):</b> Skin color: Character: Temperature: Turgor: Rashes: Bruises: Wounds: . Braden Score: Drains present: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Type:	Pink Dry/intact, localized abnormality of left forearm Warm Elastic turgor, <1 sec Rash with serous drainage: lower left extremity from wrist to elbow Bruising on right elbow bony prominence 18
<b>HEENT (1 point):</b> Head/Neck: Ears: Eyes:	Normocephalic, Symmetric skull and face Trachea midline, thyroid rise and fall, lymph nodes nonpalpable Poor hearing, tympanic membrane

<p><b>Nose:</b> <b>Teeth:</b></p>	<p>grey/pearly, ears free of discharge                  Poor sight, EOM intact, PERLA, eyes symmetric, swelling of the eyelids                  Bloody nasal discharge, septum midline, no blockages                  Top dentures, mouth is clean, oral mucosa pink and moist</p>
<p><b>CARDIOVASCULAR (2 points):</b>  <b>Heart sounds:</b>                  S1, S2, S3, S4, murmur etc.  <b>Cardiac rhythm (if applicable):</b>  <b>Peripheral Pulses:</b>  <b>Capillary refill:</b>  <b>Neck Vein Distention:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Edema</b> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Location of Edema:</b></p>	<p>S1 and S2, Normal sinus rhythm, and rate, peripheral pulses 2+ bilaterally, cap refill: &lt;2 secs, non-pitting edema of the left upper extremity 1+</p>
<p><b>RESPIRATORY (2 points):</b>  <b>Accessory muscle use:</b> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Breath Sounds:</b> Location, character</p>	<p>Respirations labored, pursed lip breathing, regular breathing pattern, Wheezing heard over both lungs, lung aeration equal, Pt on 5 L of O2 and now on Bi-pap since O2sat dropped to 80%</p>
<p><b>GASTROINTESTINAL (2 points):</b>  <b>Diet at home:</b>  <b>Current Diet</b>  <b>Height:</b>  <b>Weight:</b>  <b>Auscultation Bowel sounds:</b>  <b>Last BM:</b>  <b>Palpation: Pain, Mass etc.:</b>  <b>Inspection:</b>              <b>Distention:</b>              <b>Incisions:</b>              <b>Scars:</b>              <b>Drains:</b>              <b>Wounds:</b>  <b>Ostomy:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Nasogastric:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>              <b>Size:</b>  <b>Feeding tubes/PEG tube</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>              <b>Type:</b></p>	<p>No at home diet                  Heart healthy diet                  163 cm                  98 kg                  Active bowel sounds noted in all 4 quadrants 10/16/21                  No abnormalities noted upon inspection for distention, incisions, scars, drains, and wounds</p>
<p><b>GENITOURINARY (2 Points):</b>  <b>Color:</b>  <b>Character:</b></p>	<p>Yellow                  Cloudy                  125 ml voided x1</p>

<p><b>Quantity of urine:</b>  <b>Pain with urination:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Dialysis:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Inspection of genitals:</b>  <b>Catheter:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Type:</b>  <b>Size:</b></p>	
<p><b>MUSCULOSKELETAL (2 points):</b>  <b>Neurovascular status:</b>  <b>ROM:</b>  <b>Supportive devices:</b>  <b>Strength:</b>  <b>ADL Assistance:</b> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Fall Risk:</b> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Fall Score:</b>  <b>Activity/Mobility Status:</b>  <b>Independent (up ad lib)</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Needs assistance with equipment</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Needs support to stand and walk</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Nail beds pink with cap refill &lt;2 secs, extremities warm</b>  <b>Active ROM</b>  <b>Walker</b>  <b>4-active motion against some resistance, lower limbs stronger than upper extremities, weak left arm</b>  <b>Morse fall score 60</b>  <b>Up with 1</b>   <b>Needs assistance with equipment</b>  <b>Needs support to walk</b></p>
<p><b>NEUROLOGICAL (2 points):</b>  <b>MAEW:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>PERLA:</b> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Strength Equal:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if no -  <b>Legs</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Arms</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Both</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Orientation:</b>  <b>Mental Status:</b>  <b>Speech:</b>  <b>Sensory:</b>  <b>LOC:</b></p>	<p><b>Strength in left arm 2, strength in right arm 4</b>  <b>A&amp;O x4</b>  <b>Normal cognition, can follow commands, impaired only when low O2 sat</b>  <b>Speech is limited due to Bi-pap</b>  <b>LOC: lethargic, but awakes to verbal stimuli</b></p>
<p><b>PSYCHOSOCIAL/CULTURAL (2 points):</b>  <b>Coping method(s):</b>  <b>Developmental level:</b>  <b>Religion &amp; what it means to pt.:</b>  <b>Personal/Family Data (Think about home environment, family structure, and available family support):</b></p>	<p><b>Copes with long-term partner and friends</b>  <b>Mature and cognitive</b>  <b>Not religious</b>  <b>Lives at home, and is cared for by partner</b></p>

**Vital Signs, 2 sets (5 points)**

Time	Pulse	B/P	Resp Rate	Temp	Oxygen
0800	78 beats/min	129/85	18 respirations/	36.6 c	79%

			<b>min</b>		
<b>1030</b>	<b>86 beats/min</b>	<b>110/60</b>	<b>20 respirations/ min</b>	<b>36.4 c</b>	<b>95%</b>

**Pain Assessment, 2 sets (2 points)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Scale</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Severity</b>	<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>Interventions</b>
<b>0700</b>	<b>Numeric</b>	<b>chest</b>	<b>3/10</b>	<b>-Extreme SOB after O2 sat fell to 80%</b>	<b>-Put patient into bed -Contacted respiratory therapist for Bi-pap</b>
<b>1030</b>	<b>numeric</b>	<b>arm</b>	<b>0/10</b>	<b>-Patient reports no pain, just drowsiness</b>	<b>-Warm blanket -Pillow under left arm to elevate</b>

**IV Assessment (2 Points)**

<b>IV Assessment</b>	<b>Fluid Type/Rate or Saline Lock</b>
<b>Size of IV:</b> <b>Location of IV:</b> <b>Date on IV:</b> <b>Patency of IV:</b> <b>Signs of erythema, drainage, etc.:</b> <b>IV dressing assessment:</b>	20 gauge Right lower hand 10/16/21 Patent No redness or drainage Dressing clean/dry/intact 0.9 Sodium chloride-1000 ml Clindamycin 450 mg in 100 ml, rate: 206 ml/ hr

**Intake and Output (2 points)**

<b>Intake (in mL)</b>	<b>Output (in mL)</b>
<b>480 ml</b>	<b>125 ml Voided x1</b>

**Nursing Care**

**Summary of Care (2 points)**

**Overview of care: Passing meds, assessing pain, assessing respirations**

**Procedures/testing done: Pt had respiratory therapy in room at 0700 for Bi-pap and nebulizers**

**Complaints/Issues: Patients O2 sat falling causing SOB and confusion, arm pain**

**Vital signs (stable/unstable): Unstable O2 sat**

**Tolerating diet, activity, etc.: Pt was lethargic, did not eat breakfast, and cannot tolerate activity**

**Physician notifications: N/A**

**Future plans for patient: Pt will stay in hospital, mediastinal mass will likely be biopsied, pts cellulitis should start to show improvement with antibiotic therapy**

**Discharge Planning (2 points)**

**Discharge location: At home with her partner**

**Home health needs (if applicable): Partner helps with ADLs**

**Equipment needs (if applicable): shower chair/ walker**

**Follow up plan: Patient should follow up with primary care provider in two weeks regarding her cellulitis. She may also require additional appointments regarding the mediastinal mass.**

**Education needs: Education on antibiotic therapy**

**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"> <li>• Include full nursing diagnosis with “related to” and “as evidenced by” components</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain why the nursing diagnosis was chosen</li> </ul>	<p><b>dx)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did the patient/family respond to the nurse’s actions?</li> <li>• Client response, status of goals and outcomes, modifications to plan.</li> </ul>
<p><b>1. Impaired skin integrity related to cellulitis of left arm as evidenced by patient’s blistering rash.</b></p>	<p><b>This nursing diagnosis was chosen because the cellulitis rash creates breaks in skin which alter primary defenses of the skin.</b></p>	<p><b>1. Initiate antibiotic clindamycin to clear up the cellulitis.</b></p> <p><b>2. Educate patient to avoid popping blisters, to prevent scarring and bleeding.</b></p>	<p><b>-Goal met: antibiotic was given, however the pt may have allergy to clindamycin due to the swelling of her eye lids.</b></p> <p><b>-Goal met: Pt refrained from picking at her rash.</b></p>
<p><b>2. Acute pain related to left extremity mediastinal mass and cellulitis rash, as evidenced by pt stating her rash is “burning and tender to touch” and her arm being “swollen and hard to move”.</b></p>	<p><b>This nursing diagnosis was chosen because the Pt reported a lot of pain due to her cellulitis and the mass in her axillary.</b></p>	<p><b>1. Administer pain medication.</b></p> <p><b>2. Change Pt position to allow rest and comfort.</b></p>	<p><b>-Goal met: Pts pain went to a 0/10 and she was able to rest.</b></p> <p><b>-Goal met: Pt pain was so well controlled she was able to sleep in the bed, this is an improvement from sleeping up in a chair due to arm pain like she had been for a while.</b></p>
<p><b>3. Ineffective breathing pattern related to the patient’s COPD, as evidenced</b></p>	<p><b>This nursing diagnosis was chosen because the patient’s O2 sat plummeted at 0700 and she had to be put on a Bi-PAP to help her</b></p>	<p><b>1 Contacted respiratory therapy for Bi-PAP machine.</b></p> <p><b>2 Moved pt from her chair to bed to avoid falling out of her chair.</b></p>	<p><b>-Goal met: The respiratory therapist put the pt on the Bi-PAP and her O2 sat went to 95%.</b></p> <p><b>-Goal met: Successfully got pt into bed which allowed her to relax.</b></p>

<b>by her experiencing SOB, and her O2 sat dropping to 79%.</b>	<b>breathing. She was also a little confused and unsteady.</b>		
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**Other References (APA):**

**Concept Map (20 Points):**

**Subjective Data**

The patient describes her cellulitis rash pain as “burning and really tender to touch” and her overall left arm extremity pain as “swollen, and painful to move”. Reports pain 3/10 numeric scale.

**Nursing Diagnosis/Outcomes**

1. Impaired skin integrity related to cellulitis of left arm as evidenced by patient’s blistering rash.
  - Goal met: antibiotic was given, however the Pt may have allergy to clindamycin due to the swelling of her eye lids.
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  - Goal met: Pts pain went to a 0/10 and she was able to rest.
  - Goal met: Pt pain was so well controlled she was able to sleep in the bed, this is an improvement from sleeping up in a chair due to arm pain like she had been for a while
3. Ineffective breathing pattern related to the patient’s COPD, as evidenced by her experiencing SOB, and her O2 sat dropping to 79%.
  - Goal met: The respiratory therapist put the Pt on the Bi-PAP and her O2 sat went to 95%.
  - Goal met: Successfully got Pt into bed which allowed her to relax

**Objective Data**

Labs: Elevated WBC, Neutrophils, monocytes, CO2, glucose, Alk Phos  
 Decreased electrolytes: Na-, K+, Cl-  
 Diagnostic tests: CTA of chest: irregular mass, Venous duplex: no clots, EKG: normal sinus rhythm  
 VS:  
 P:78 beats/min  
 RR:18 respiration/min  
 BP:129/85  
 Temp:36.6 c  
 O2:79%

**Patient Information**

A 71 y/o female arrived at Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital with worsening pain in her left upper extremity with swelling. This patient, with a history of oxygen use at home for COPD, was also experiencing episodes of shortness of breath.

**Nursing Interventions**

- Initiate antibiotic clindamycin to clear up the cellulitis.
- Educate patient to avoid popping blisters, to prevent scarring and bleeding.
- Administer pain medication.
- Change Pt position to allow rest and comfort.
- Contacted respiratory therapy for Bi-PAP machine.
- Moved Pt from her chair to bed to avoid falling out of her chair.





