

Noticing	Interpreting	Responding	Reflecting
<p>Why did you choose this additional assessment? What did you notice during your additional assessment of the client? Were there any assessments that were abnormal or that stood out to you?</p> <p>I chose the drug use questionnaire because she is court-ordered to be here for the use of methamphetamine. An assessment that stood out to me was when asked about personal relationships affected by her drug use and about neglecting her family, she seemed to show as if she had no emotions about them.</p>	<p>If something stood out to you or it was abnormal, explain its potential cause or patterns that you noticed. Describe any similar situations you have experienced / as well as the similarities or differences between the experiences. Is your interpretation of the situation links to pathophysiology at all, if so – briefly explain.</p> <p>When asked if she has neglected her family because of her use of drugs, she said no, but proceeded to say she gave her rights away to her kids. She also said she had lost friends, been fired, and affected her personal relationships from the use of drugs. I have experienced many other situations with patients signing away their rights to their kids. I have also seen not giving rights up and taking children to drug houses to use or putting them in many situations they shouldn't be in. The reason behind both is an addiction; this could be why she wasn't showing much emotion because she didn't want to get help but was forced.</p>	<p>What additional assessment information do you need based upon your interpretation? What can you do as a nursing student? What did you do? What could you do as a nurse?</p> <p>I could have asked if she still has thoughts or cravings for using drugs. As a nursing student, I listened to her and could have asked what medical problems her drug use has caused. Also, about the relationships her drug use affected and how that affected her mood. Another really important assessment I should have done was the PHQ-9 assessment. In my MSE, I stated she seemed depressed with no interest, and this is the assessment asking about those and how often she feels that way.</p>	<p>What is something that you learned? What is something that you might do differently in the future? What is something that you did well? What additional knowledge or skills do you need to help you with future situations like this. Describe any changes in your values or feelings based on this interaction.</p> <p>I learned and did my first drug use questionnaire. I can follow up on questions about her drug use next time and go more in-depth with the conversation. I knew the court could order treatment, but I never talked to someone about it. I can tell the difference between someone wanting to get help for their addiction and being forced to get help. More experience will help my conversations and responses flow better in future situations. I believe I did well with therapeutic communication, but it was my first time, so I think I had a little pause before my response.</p>