

## Clinical Experience Summary

This report will be a minimum of 2 pages in APA format. Each question needs to have a minimum of one paragraph response. In-text citations should be utilized. Use your textbook, the internet, and other scholarly resources to assist with in-text citations.

1. What is the priority nursing diagnosis for your patient? Why did you choose this diagnosis? (5 points)

**Risk for ineffective thermoregulation related to undeveloped skin and brown fat insufficiency as evidenced by being born prematurely at thirty-six weeks (Phelps, 2023).** My patient was one of a set of twins that were born prematurely, and infants that are born prematurely are often born with thinner skin which increases their risk of evaporative heat-loss (Durham et al., 2023). Furthermore, the hypothalamus has yet to finish maturing at thirty-six weeks, and because the hypothalamus regulates temperature, premature infants are at a higher risk for hypothermia (Durham et al., 2023).

2. Identify 3 nursing interventions supporting the nursing diagnosis? Explain what these interventions are and why they should be completed. (15 points)

**Maintain infant's temperature using an incubator or radiant warmer** – the use of an incubator or radiant warmer will keep the infant's body temperature regulated until the infant is able to control their body temperature themselves (Durham et al., 2023).

**Provide skin-to-skin contact when the infant is stable** – through skin-to-skin-contact the caregiver's body temperature can be used to help the infant's body temperature remain in a safe range (Durham et al., 2023).

**Monitor the infant's axillary temperature every 30–60 minutes initially, then as per protocol** – frequent monitoring of the infant's axillary temperature allows for the early detection of hypothermia, allowing for prompt intervention for the infant if this situation arises (Durham et al., 2023).

3. What was the evaluation of each of the previously identified nursing interventions? **(10 points)**

The infant was placed into an incubator upon its arrival at the NICU, which kept the infant's temperature regulated and protected the infant from becoming hypothermic. A probe was placed into the infant's axillary region which allowed for constant monitoring of the infant's temperature and the earlier possible detection of hypothermia in the infant. The infant took part in skin-to-skin contact with its parents, which also helped to keep the infant's body temperature regulated. These interventions were successful, and the infant did not suffer from any hypothermic episodes.

4. Describe this patient culture and identify a minimum of 2 patient preferences relating to their culture. **(10 points)**

The infant I was assigned in the NICU came from a two-parent, African American household and was one of a pair of twins. The parents were not married, but the father was allowed to be in the room for the birthing process and followed the infants to the NICU. The mother had chosen not to breastfeed the infants, and their nutrition was sustained with formulas. The family received their insurance through Medicaid, which limited their choices on available birth locations and providers.

5. Reflection of clinical experience. **(5 points)**

a. What was one thing that put you outside your comfort zone?

Tiny babies are way outside of my comfort zone in general, so the entire NICU was a little rough for me to be in. The babies in the NICU are so fragile that they make me very nervous, but the nurses in the NICU were very reassuring and helped me be calm.

b. In what way did you see coordination between the health care team to provide appropriate care to the patient?

The team in the NICU coordinates and works together to provide appropriate care to their infants often. A lot of work goes into it when twins are admitted to the NICU, but the team communicated effectively to assign one twin to each nurse and two extra nurses were on hand to help these nurses achieve their admission goals. While one nurse was getting report, the other nurse would be tending to the infant making sure that their incubator was working properly and safe for the infant. Although the NICU is not for me, I was very impressed by this team and how their dedication to their patients drives them to work together.

References:

Durham, R. F., Chapman, L. & Miller, C. (2023). Davis Advantage for Maternal-Newborn Nursing: Critical Components of Nursing Care (4th ed., p. 481-573). F. A. Davis Company.

Phelps, L.L. (2023) *Nursing Diagnosis Reference Manual*. Wolters Kluwer.

## N432 Clinical Experience Summary Rubric

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