

Subjective

- Failure to thrive related to the impact of the fall and chronic disease as reported by patient
- Patient reports difficulty in performing self-care needs.
- Patient and patient's wife report that the patient fell in their home
 - Outcome: Patient did not want to sit in his chair or walk around
- Risk for bleeding related to laceration on right elbow as evidenced by bloody drainage at the incision site.
 - Outcome: The patient's dressing was changed and bloody drainage was present.
- Risk for infection related to laceration on right elbow as evidenced by increased neutrophils.
 - Outcome: The patient's dressing was changed and assessed for signs of infection. No infection was present.
- Activity intolerance related to glaucoma as evidenced by excessive sleeping and not eating meals.
 - Outcome: Patient did not want to sit in his chair or walk around.

Objective

- Decreased ROM
- Lacerations on elbow were bleeding
- Increased vital signs upon arrival to emergency department
- Laceration was swollen and red
- Bruising around laceration on patient's elbow

History of Present Illness

- Presented to ED after falling at home on right elbow
- Did not hit his head or lose consciousness
- Alert and oriented X3
- Patient's wife states she can no longer take care of him at home

Nursing Interventions

- Support the patient and encourage independence
- Help clients to participate in activities
- Dressing changes as needed
- Monitor hematocrit and hemoglobin levels
- Change the patient's dressing when soiled
- Assess for signs of infection frequently
- Encourage patient to do activities independently
- Provide adequate nutrition to increase ability to perform ADL

