


Next Gen NCLEX® Update

Tips for teaching Clinical Judgment Measurement Model and writing Next Gen Items

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Purpose

This presentation is designed for nurse educators to improve their understanding and use of the NCSBN® Clinical Judgment Measurement Model and NextGen NCLEX® Testing to better prepare students for prelicensure testing.

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Objectives

1. Discuss the changes being made by NCSBN® for Next Generation NCLEX®.
2. Discuss a variety of classroom activities that improve clinical judgment application.
3. Compare exam item examples similar to what will be on the NextGen NCLEX®.

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History of Next Gen NCLEX®



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NGN – What we Know/Anticipate

- Beta testing for NGN will begin Spring, 2022
- PN and RN full launch April 1, 2023
- Number of items will be 70 – 135 (+15 pilot)
- 5 hours allowed
- 3 CJ Case Items – 6 questions each (18 items)
- Stand alone items – measures 1 or more areas
 - Single CJ items after minimum is met then Bowtie & Trend items

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Exam Comparison

Design Specification	NCLEX Today	NGN Minimum Length Exam	NGN Maximum Length Exam
Time Allowed	5 hours	5 hours	5 hours
Case Studies	N/A	3 (i.e., 18 items)	3 (i.e., 18 items)
Clinical Judgment Standalones	N/A	0	Approx. 7 *
Knowledge Items	60-130	52	Approx. 110
Total Scored Items	60-130	70	135
Unscored (Pretest) Items	15	15	15
Delivery method	CAT	CAT **	CAT **

* Approximately 10% of the final 65 items on the exam
 ** Items within a Case Study are static, not adaptive

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Failure to Notice



Failure to Communicate

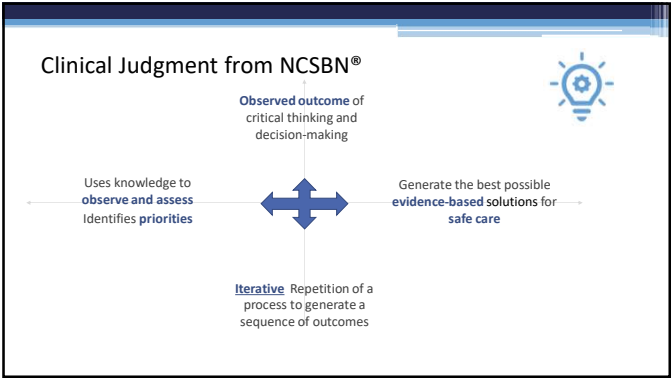


Failure to Act or Respond

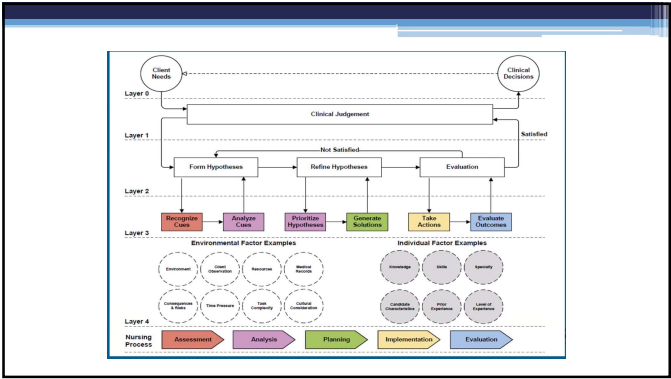


What is the most common reason that a new grad nurse loses his/her license in the first year?

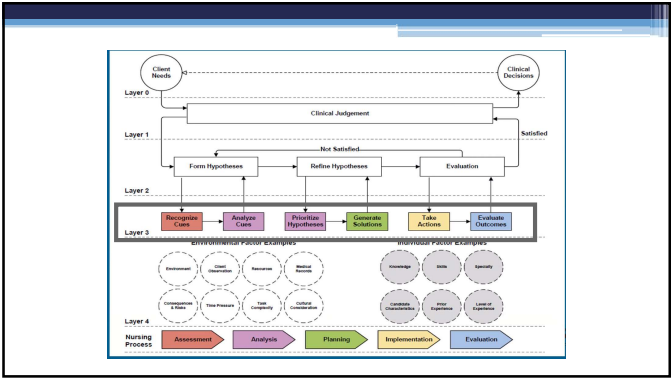
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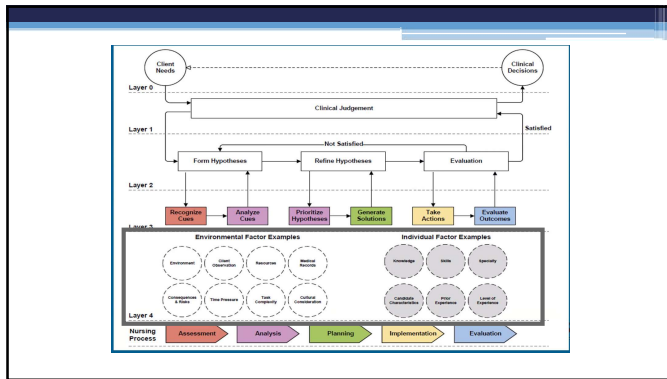
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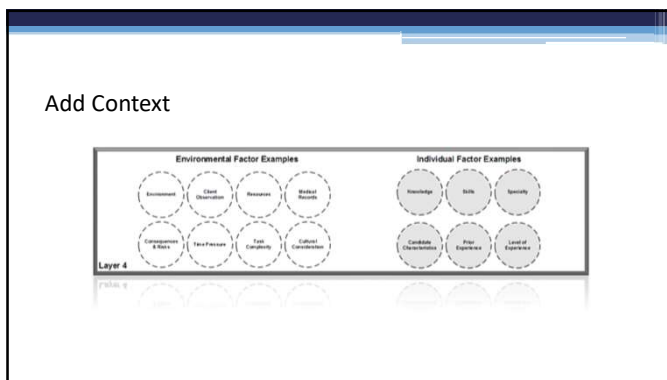
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Recognize Cues

Identify relevant and important information from patients, nursing staff, medical history, vital signs, etc.

- What information is relevant/important?
- What information is most important?
- What is the immediate concern?

Do not concern with hypotheses just yet.

Analyze Cues

Organizing and linking the recognized cues to the client's clinical presentation.

- What cues are relevant to the client's presentation?
- What cues are consistent with the client's presentation?
- What cues are the most important?
- What cues are the most important?

Consider multiple things that could be happening. Narrowing things down to the most likely.

Prioritize Hypotheses

Evaluating and ranking hypotheses according to priority (e.g., life-threatening, etc.).

- Which hypothesis is most likely?
- Which hypothesis is most likely?
- Which hypothesis is most likely?

Some hypotheses should focus on safety (e.g., airway, breathing, circulation) and should be prioritized over others such as comfort.

Generate Solutions

Identifying potential solutions and using resources to address the client's presentation.

- What are the possible solutions?
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Consider the client's presentation and the client's needs. Consider the client's presentation and the client's needs. Consider the client's presentation and the client's needs.

Take Action

Implementing the solution that addresses the highest priority.

- Which intervention is most appropriate?
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Do not forget to monitor the client's response to the intervention. Do not forget to monitor the client's response to the intervention. Do not forget to monitor the client's response to the intervention.

Evaluate outcomes

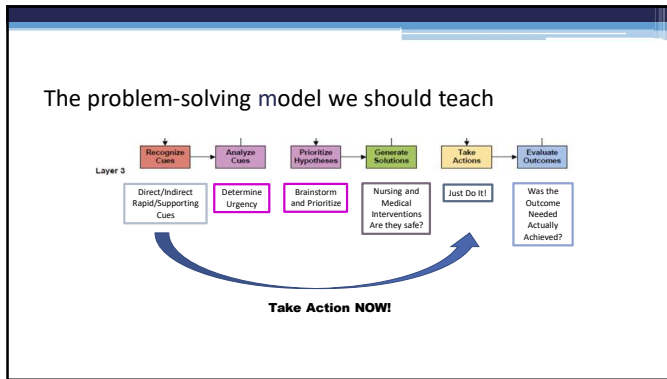
Comparing observed outcomes against expected outcomes.

- Which steps were most effective?
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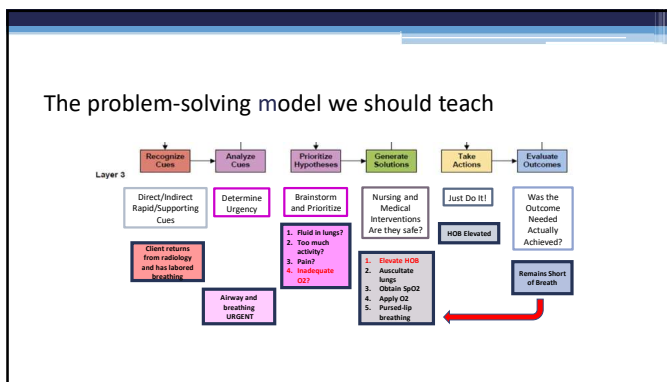
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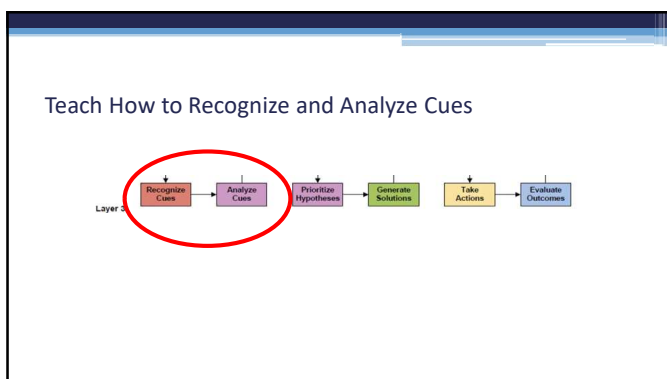
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Direct Cues vs Indirect Cues Cue Progression




1st semester –
Client's K⁺ is 2.9
mEq/L



2nd semester –
Client takes
furosemide daily




3rd semester –
Client's NG output
800 mL/12-hour
shift




4th semester –
Client's SR with
PVCs.

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Rapid Cues vs Supporting Cues



Crackles in lungs
UO < 50 mL/hr.
SpO₂ 90%
O₂ at 2L/NC



Platelets 79,000
Stool + blood
Vomit 150 mL coffee grounds
BP 100/64 mmHg



Blood alcohol level 247 mg/dL
Slurring words
Becoming belligerent

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Cue Cluster

300 mL emesis

K⁺ 3.2 mEq

Dizzy when standing

Na⁺ 130 mEq

Crackles in lungs

Hypovolemia

Glucose 325 mg/dL

Confused

Hypervolemia

Decreased LOC

Heart rate 112

Flaccid right arm

Furosemide 20 mg IV

Hemocult + stool

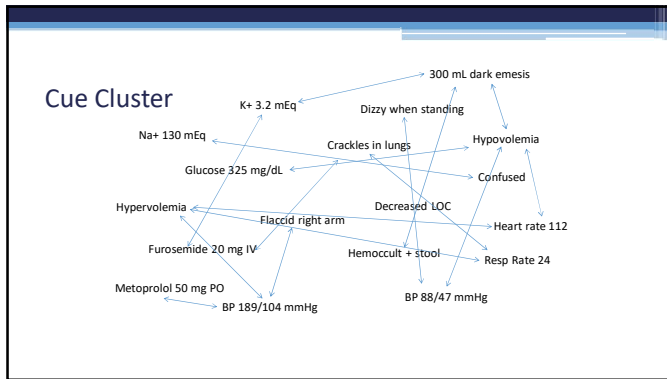
Resp Rate 24

Metoprolol 50 mg PO

BP 189/104 mmHg


BP 88/47 mmHg

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List the Cues



The nurse is caring for a client who is 16-years-old, 35 weeks pregnant, and an insulin dependent diabetic. She has been living at a shelter since her boyfriend physically abused to her two weeks ago.

List 10 cues that indicate there could be a concern.

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List the Cues Activity – Actual vs. Potential


The nurse is caring for an older adult client with dementia who fell at the care center, fracturing her right hip. She is placed on bedrest and an orthopedic surgeon has been consulted. Surgery is expected later this evening. She frequently yells out for her mother.

List 5 cues that indicate there is a concern. (Actual)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

List 5 cues that indicate there could be a concern. (Potential)

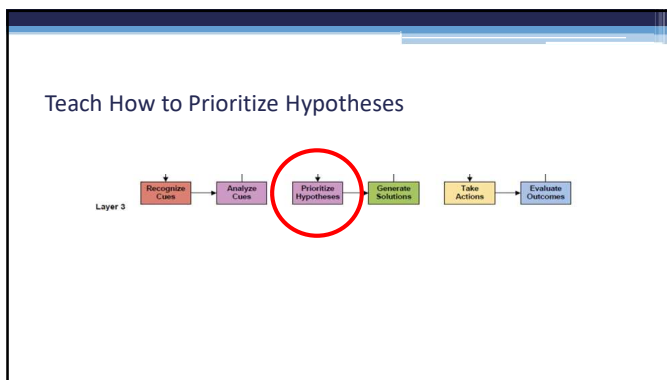
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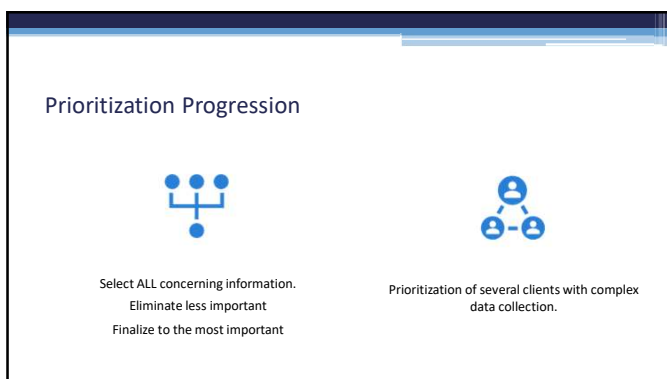
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Nursing							
Flow Sheets							
VITAL SIGN RECORD							
Day	Time	BP (MAP)	HR	RR	Sats	Temp	Pain
Apr. 6	1310	110/75 (87)	105	14	99% 2 L/NC	100.7°F (38.2°C)	2/10
	2050	108/67 (81)	100	16	96% 1 L/NC	99.0°F (37.2°C)	3/10
Apr. 7	0030	145/88 (107)	110	22	95% RA		7/10
	0200	127/78 (94)	88	16	94% RA	97.2°F (36.2°C)	4/10

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Unfolding Prioritizing with Hypotheses

Greg	88 years	Bowel obstruction	Vomited 100 mL - bile colored
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The nurse is caring for 5 clients

- Pulse Ox = 92%
- Hgb = 10.1 gm/dL
- HR = 108 bpm
- BP = 70/54 (59) mmHg

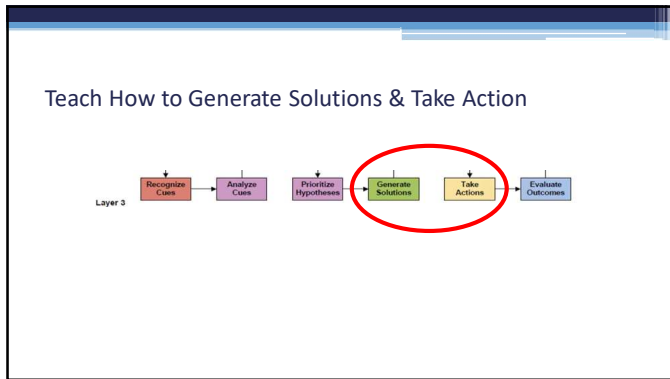
- Pulse Ox = 96%
- Hgb. 12.9 mg/dL
- HR = 122 bpm
- BP = 80/56 (64) mmHg

- Pulse Ox = 94%
- Hgb = 6.8 g/dL
- HR = 87 bpm
- BP = 149/88 (108) mmHg

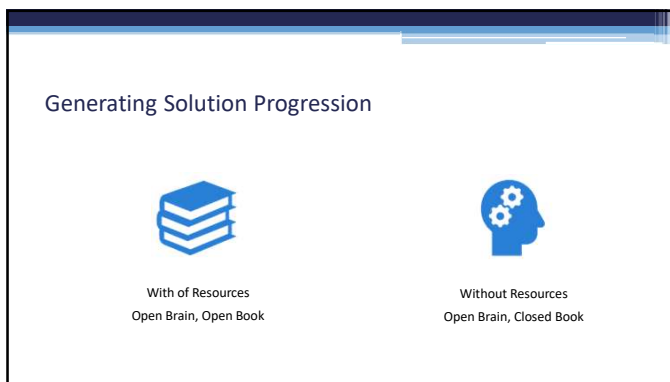
- Pulse Ox = 96%
- Hgb. 14.9 mg/dL
- HR = 112 bpm
- BP = 90/56 (66) mmHg

- Pulse Ox = 96%
- Hgb. 12.9 mg/dL
- HR = 105 bpm
- BP = 80/56 (64) mmHg

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Nursing vs Medical Actions

Nursing Interventions	Medical Interventions (Order Needed)
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

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What if...

- Your client passes out while getting out of bed post-operatively?
- Your client pulls out his indwelling catheter with the balloon intact?
- Your client vomits 400 mL of bright red blood?
- Your client tells you he has a gun and wants to kill himself?
- Your client's fetal heart rate drops to 50 beats/minute?
- Your pediatric client's father tells you his wife hits their child?

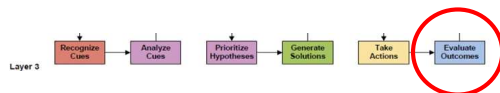
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Build Speed for Taking Action

- While walking in the hall the client says, "I feel really dizzy."
- The urine output is 2100 mL in one shift, previous shift was 150 mL.
- Blood pressure is 78/56, previously 156/99. Client alert.

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Step 4: Teach How to Evaluate Outcomes



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Evaluate Outcomes

- Temperature change from 102.1°F to 101.9°F 15-minutes after acetaminophen 650 mg PO is administered.
- Temperature change from 102.1°F to 101.9°F 1-hour after acetaminophen 650 mg PO is administered.
- Pulse oximeter reading changes from 89% to 91% 15 minutes after oxygen 2L/NC is applied.
- Client states “my chest pain is down to a 3 after the nitroglycerin.”
- Urine output of 100 mL/hr. 2 hours after furosemide 40 mg IV.

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Next Gen Item Style Types

Items Style Types	
Multiple Choice	Matrix multiple choice
Multiple Response	Multiple response select all that apply
	Multiple response select N
	Multiple response grouping
	Matrix multiple response
Drag-and-Drop	Drag-and-drop cloze
	Drag-and-drop rationale
Drop Down	Drop-down cloze
	Drop-down rationale
	Drop-down table
Highlight	Highlight text
	Highlight table
Stand Alone Items	
Bow-Tie	
Trends	

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Pause and Share...

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Scoring

1. 0/1 rule

2. +/- rule

3. +/- scoring per row or per column

The maximum score is often the number of correct answers

There are no negative scores

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Case Study
Screen 1 of 6

Nurses' Notes

1000: Client was brought to the ED by her daughter due to increased shortness of breath this morning. The daughter reports that the client has been running a fever for the past few days and has started to cough up greenish colored mucous and to complain of "soreness" throughout her body. The client was recently hospitalized for issues with atrial fibrillation 6 days ago. The client has a history of hypertension. Vital signs: T 101.1° F (38.4° C), P 92, RR 22, BP 152/88, pulse oximetry reading 94% on oxygen at 2 L/min via nasal cannula. Upon assessment, the client's breathing appears slightly labored, and coarse crackles are noted in bilateral lung bases. Skin slightly cool to touch and pale pink in tone; pulse +3 and irregular. Capillary refill is 3 seconds. Client is alert and oriented to person, place, and time. The client's daughter states, "Sometimes it seems like my mother is confused."

Select the 4 findings that require immediate follow-up.

☐ vital signs

☐ lung sounds

☐ capillary refill

☐ client orientation

☐ radial pulse characteristics

☐ characteristics of the cough

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➤ For each client finding below, click to specify if the finding is consistent with the disease process of pneumonia, a urinary tract infection (UTI), or influenza. Each finding may support more than 1 disease process.

Client Findings	Pneumonia	UTI	Influenza
fever	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
confusion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
body soreness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
cough and sputum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
shortness of breath	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: Each column must have at least 1 response option selected. Matrix Multiple Response

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➤ Complete the following sentence by choosing from the lists of options.

The client is at highest risk for developing Select... as evidenced by the client's Select...

Drop-Down Cloze

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The client is at highest risk for developing Select... as evidenced by the client's Select...

Select...

Select...

vital signs

neurologic assessment

respiratory assessment

cardiovascular assessment

Select...

hypoxia

stroke

dysrhythmias

a pulmonary embolism

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The nurse is caring for a 78-year-old female in the Emergency Department (ED).

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➔ **1200:** Called to bedside by the daughter who states that her mother "isn't acting right." Upon assessment, client difficult to arouse, pale, and diaphoretic in appearance. Vital signs: T 101.5° F (38.6° C), P 112, RR 32, BP 90/62, pulse oximetry reading 91% on oxygen at 2 L/min via nasal cannula.

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The nurse has reviewed the Nurses' Note entries from 1000 and 1200 and is planning care for the client.

For each potential nursing intervention, click to specify whether the intervention is indicated, or contraindicated for the care of the client.

Matrix Multiple Choice

Potential Intervention	Indicated	Contraindicated
Prepare the client for defibrillation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Place client in a semi-Fowler's position.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Request an order to increase the oxygen flow rate.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Request an order to administer an intravenous fluid bolus.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Request an order to insert an additional peripheral venous access device (VAD).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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The nurse has reviewed the Orders from 1215.

Click to highlight below the 3 orders that the nurse should perform right away.

Highlight Text

1215:

- insert an indwelling urinary catheter
- vancomycin 1 g, IV, every 12 hours
- computed tomography (CT) scan of the chest
- 0.9% sodium chloride (normal saline) 500 mL, IV, once
- laboratory tests: blood culture and sensitivity (C & S), complete blood count (CBC), arterial blood gas (ABG)

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The nurse has performed the interventions as ordered by the physician for the client.

➤ For each assessment finding, click to specify if the finding indicates that the client's condition has improved, has not changed, or has declined. **Matrix Multiple Choice**

Assessment Finding	Improved	No Change	Declined
RR 36	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BP 118/68	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
pale skin tone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
pulse oximetry reading 91%	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
interacting with daughter at bedside	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Item	Clinical Judgement Focus	Item Type
1	Recognize Cues	Multiple Response
2	Analyze Cues	Matrix/Grid – Select All
3	Prioritize Hypotheses	Cloze (Pull-Down Menu)
4	Generate Solutions	Matrix/Grid – Select One
5	Take Action	Highlighting
6	Evaluate Outcomes	Matrix/Grid – Select One

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The nurse in the emergency department (ED) is caring for a 79-year-old female client.

Nurse's Notes
History and Physical
 1215: Client accompanied to ED by daughter, right-sided ptosis with facial drooping noted. Right-sided hemiparesis and expressive aphasia present. Daughter reports client recently had an influenza infection. Lung sounds are clear, apical pulse is irregular. Bowel sounds are active in all 4 quadrants, skin is warm and dry. Incontinent of urine 2 times in the ED, daughter reports that the client is typically continent of urine. Capillary refill sluggish at 3 seconds. Peripheral pulses palpable. 2+ Vital signs: T 97.5° F (36.4° C), P 126, RR 16, BP 188/90, pulse oximetry reading 90% on room air. Capillary blood glucose obtained per protocol, 76 mg/dL (4.2 mmol/L). ED physician notified.

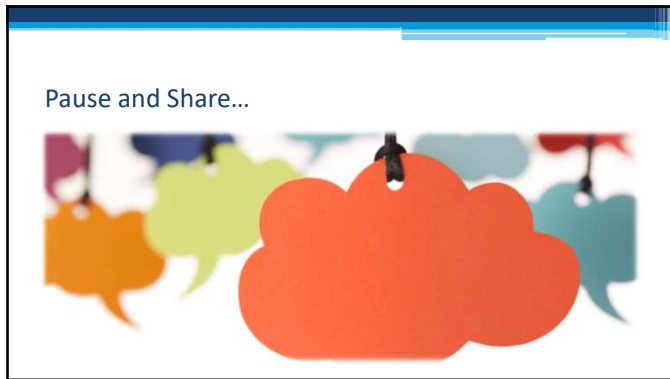
"Bowtie" Item

The nurse is reviewing the client's assessment data to prepare the client's plan of care.

➤ Complete the diagram by dragging from the choices below to specify what condition the client is most likely experiencing, 2 actions the nurse should take to address that condition, and 2 parameters the nurse should monitor to assess the client's progress.

Action to Take	Condition Most Likely Experiencing	Parameter to Monitor
Request a prescription for an oral steroid.	Bell's palsy	temperature
Administer oxygen at 2 L/min via nasal cannula.	hypoglycemia	urinary output
Insert a peripheral venous access device (PVAD).	ischemic stroke	neurologic status
Obtain a urine sample for urinalysis and culture and sensitivity (U & S).	urinary tract infection (UTI)	serum glucose level
Request an order for 50% dextrose in water to be administered intravenously.		electrocardiogram (ECG) rhythm

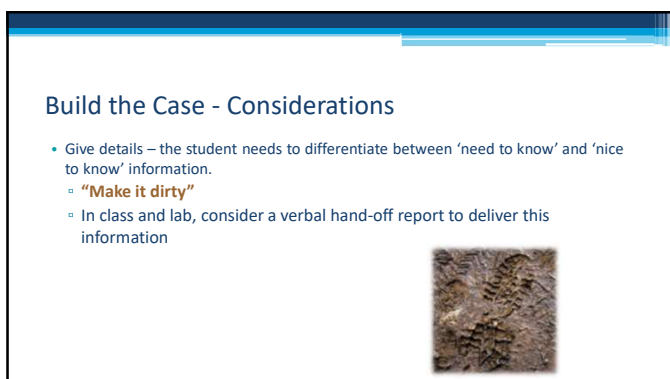
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NGN - Guidelines

Eliminate names and initials	Include gender, age, race – tie it to the case	Use client, healthcare provider, parent, and prescription
Generic medication names only	Remove 'of the following'	No nursing diagnosis

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