**Case Analysis: Scholarly Writing Assignment**

**Criteria for Evaluation**

# **Purpose**:

The student will evaluate the nurse’s role in facilitating safe, quality outcomes for patient-centered care. The student will select a patient care assignment from the clinical practicum (not the same patient used for the case presentation) to complete the case analysis using the criteria stated below. The student must use at least 2 professional journal articles to supplement content from other recent nursing textbooks to provide the evidence for the care provided. Unless classic research, all references must be within 5 years of publication. The written assignment will conform to APA style for format of paper and citations of resources. The expected length of the paper is at least 10 pages.

| **Criteria** | **Possible Points** | **Comments/Earned Points** |
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| 1. Introduce the background of the patient
* Health history
* Economic and social history
* Spiritual and cultural considerations
* Family members and relationships
* Community of residence
 | 10 | /10Comments: |
| 1. Medical diagnoses
* Discuss pathophysiology of disease or symptoms with focus on current health problem(s)
* Analyze the risk factors and patient’s assessment findings that relate to the pathophysiology or disease conditions
 | 30 | /30Comments: |
| 1. Patient assessment
* Discuss physical assessment findings including vital signs and allergies
* Evaluate the medications including the reasons for patient taking each one.
* Evaluate laboratory and diagnostic tests relevant to care of the patient
* Emphasis should be on the analysis of assessment data to care for patient
 | 30 | /30Comments: |
| 1. Analyze the case and progress toward outcomes using the nursing process framework
* Identify one priority diagnosis and two other nursing diagnoses and provide brief plan of care with rationales and interventions that are realistic and individualized to patient.
* Evaluate the care provided to the patient and the patient’s achievement of care outcomes
 | 40 | /40Comments: |
| 1. Examine how a systems approach to collaboration with other members of the interdisciplinary team contributed to safe patient care.
 | 10 | /10Comments: |
| 1. Evaluate discharge planning goals or other long term planning goals for the patient.
 | 15 | /15Comments: |
| 1. Discuss how the nurse provided or could have provided for the spiritual and cultural needs of the patient.
 | 10 | /10Comments: |
| 1. Evaluate one or more of the agency specific policies and the impact on the provision of care for this patient.
* Was policy a barrier or facilitator for care?
* How does nursing leadership advocate for safe, quality care?
 | 10 | /10Comments: |
| 1. Analyze ethical and legal standards that impacted the care of the patient and family. Possible discussion topics include: ethical standards for professional nursing practice, end-of-life decisions and advanced directives, respect for ethical rights of patients (autonomy, beneficence, etc.)
 | 15 | /15Comments: |
| 1. Analyze ethical and legal standards that impacted the care of the patient and family. Possible discussion topics include: ethical standards for professional nursing practice, end-of-life decisions and advanced directives, respect for ethical rights of patients (autonomy, beneficence, etc.)Reflect on additional learning that you need to enhance your care of a similar patient care situation in the future.
 | 10 | /10Comments: |
| 1. Scholarly presentation of work
* Uses textbooks and recent journal articles to support discussion points
* APA format for style, grammar, in-text citations, and references
* Absence of spelling errors
 | 20 | /20Comments: |
| **Total** | **200** | **/200** |