

Developing Critical Thinking Through Understanding Pathophysiology

Primary problem (medical diagnosis) of patient: _____

1. Define and describe in your OWN WORDS, the pathophysiology of the primary problem of your patient:
2. How would you explain and teach your patient about the pathophysiology of this medical problem using non-medical terminology?
3. What body system(s) are directly impacted by this disease and how are those systems affected?

BODY SYSTEM(S):	HOW BODY SYSTEM IS AFFECTED(S):

4. PRIORITY nursing assessments with this disease? (refer to body system that is most affected). What assessment findings may be abnormal as a result of this illness?

PRIORITY ASSESSMENTS:	EXPECTED ABNORMAL ASSESSMENTS:

5. What lab tests are altered by this problem? How are those lab tests affected? Does the altered lab test affect any physical assessment findings?

ABNL. LAB TESTS:	HOW LAB TESTS AFFECTED:	DOES IT IMPACT ASSESSMENTS?

6. What medications are most commonly used to manage this problem?

MEDICATIONS:	MECHANISM OF ACTION (OWN WORDS):