



HEALTHCARE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMME Project no. 2014-1-ES01-KA203-004735

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# HELP\_O2\_Key Thematic Issues – division into subsections

# I. Hospital procedures

# 1. Admitting patients

- a. procedure steps
- b. types of hospital stays and admissions differences
- c. triage procedure; triage nurse

# 2. Discharging patients

- a. procedure steps
- b. discharge standards
- c. discharge planning
- d. discharge instructions

# 3. Insurance

# II. (Medical and Nursing) Documentation

- 1. Medical records
- 2. Admission procedure
- 3. Discharge procedure
- 4. Ward round nursing record
- 5. Nursing assessment documentation

# **Real Templates + abbreviations!**

#### **III. Physical examination**

# 1. Assessment of the patient - general and medical information about the patient:

- a. HPC (History of Present Complaint)
- b. SE (Systemic Enquiry)
- c. PMH (Past Medical History)
- d. DH (Drug History)
- e. ALL (Allergies)





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- f. FH (Family History)
- g. SH (Social History)

# 2. How to conduct a good medical interview?

- 3. Performing a physical examination
- a. equipment
- b. instruments

# 4. Giving instructions to the patient

# **Common abbreviations!**

# **IV. Hospital equipment**

- 1. Everyday use equipment
- 2. Diagnostic equipment
- 3. Therapeutic equipment
- 4. Life support equipment
- **Pictures!**

# V. Hospital wards and healthcare specifics

Hospital wards and healthcare specifics at different places of work:

- 1. internal medicine
- 2. surgical
- 3. paediatric
- 4. obstetrics and gynaecology
- 5. intensive care unit (ICU)
- 6. coronary care unit (CCU)
- 7. geriatrics
- 8. palliative care
- 9. psychiatry



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# VI. Human anatomy

- 1. external organs
- 2. internal organs
- 3. body cavities

#### **Pictures!**

VII. Body systems
1. integumentary
2. skeletal
3. muscular
4. nervous
5. endocrine
6. cardiovascular
7. lymphatic
8. respiratory
9. digestive
10. urinary
11. reproductive

#### **Pictures!**

# VIII. Basic diseases

Basic diseases of

- 1. integumentary
- 2. skeletal
- 3. muscular
- 4. nervous
- 5. endocrine
- 6. cardiovascular
- 7. lymphatic



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- 8. respiratory
- 9. digestive
- 10. urinary
- 11. reproductive
- 12. allergies
- 13. infectious diseases

# IX. Drugs

- 1. Common forms of medications
- 2. Types of drugs
- 3. Dosage forms
- 4. Containers
- 5. Side effects
- 6. Routes of administration
- a. five rights of drug administration
- b. medication administration record (Real Templates!)
- c. abbreviations
- 7. Steps of medication administration
- 8. Medications safekeeping / disposal of medications

# X. Wounds and injuries

# 1. Types of wounds and injuries

# 2. Wound care management

- a. Wound bed preparation
- b. Instruments / types of dressings
- c. How to dress a wound procedure steps
- d. TIME = Tissue, Infection, Moisture balance, Edges of the wound

# Pictures!



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# XI. Taking care of patients

# 1. Taking care of patients, nursing duties

**a.** Feeding the patient (types of feeding, feeding problems, feeding different patients, nutritional needs)

**b.** Preparing patients for examinations, procedures, operations (preoperative principles, preoperative patient assessment)

**c.** Caring for elderly and disabled patients (KATZ index of ADL, communicating with the elderly and the disabled)

**d.** Caring for patients with communicative diseases (transmission precautions, routes of transmission of communicable diseases, infection control)

e. Paediatric nursing care (common childhood diseases)

# 2. Hygiene procedures

- a. Hygiene report (Template!)
- **b.** Broken rules of asepsis
- c. Hand hygiene  $\rightarrow$  the right way to wash hands
- **d.** Hygiene equipment

#### 3. Patient's hygiene

- **a.** Timing of patient hygiene procedures
- **b.** Daily bath / bed wash
- c. Mouth care
- d. Hair care

# XII. Safety

#### 1. Safety measures at work

- a. Numerical expressions
- **b.** Medication math errors
- $\rightarrow$  conversion factors (English units)
- $\rightarrow$  units of measure (abbreviations)
- $\rightarrow$  conversions / dosage calculations
- c. Workplace hazards

**d.** Preventive measures (e.g. safety of injections = needlestick injuries) / universal precautions

# 2. First aid / patient safety

a. telephone nurse triage

 $\rightarrow$  SAVED (Severe symptoms, Age, Veracity, Emotional status, Debilitation and distance) / SCHOLAR (Symptoms, Characteristics, History of complaint, Onset of symptoms, Location of symptoms, Aggravating factors, Relieving factors)



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## XIII. Health education

#### 1. Health education, healthy lifestyle

# 2. Preventive therapy

a. vaccinations

#### XIV. Ethics

#### 1. Ethical problems

- a. Nursing ethical principles / code of ethics
- b. Ethical conduct
- c. Ethical dilemmas in nursing

#### 2. Patient's rights

a. Examples of (medical) malpractice

#### 3. Different types of patients

- paediatric,
- elderly,
- disabled,
- $\rightarrow$  deepening of empathy

#### XV. Intercultural competence 1

Why do we need it?

#### XVI. Intercultural competence 2

What does it mean to be interculturally competent?

#### XVII. Relationship orientated versus result orientated

How can we work together?

**XVIII. Communication 1** 

How does culture influence the understanding of a message?

#### **XIX.** Communication 2

How does culture influence our non-verbal expressions?

#### **XX.** Nutrition

#### How do different cultures feel about food?