

Outline

“04.03 Prioritization”

Overview

1. Nursing Prioritization
 - a. What does prioritization mean?
 - b. Categories of prioritization
 - c. Interdisciplinary Communication
 - d. Prioritization Considerations

Nursing Points

General

1. What does prioritization mean?
 - a. Ranking a situation in urgency or whatever requires immediate action first
 - i. Emergent
 1. Airway
 2. Breathing
 3. Circulation
 4. Safety
 - ii. Urgent
 1. Time sensitive tasks
 2. Risk for emergency
 - iii. Not-Urgent
2. Interdisciplinary Communication
 1. Consider the priority
 2. Communicate cordially
 3. Follow HIPAA
 1. Disclose information only when necessary

4. Delegation

3. Considerations

1. Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

1. Consider individual patient's needs vs other patients

2. ABC-Safety

1. Physiologic Needs first

2. Efficiency

1. Cluster care

3. Stat Orders/Stat Labs

1. Follow policy

2. Recognize impact that the orders and labs have on the patient

4. Prioritization is subject to frequent change

1. Be adaptable to change

Nursing Concepts

1. Prioritization

2. Clinical Judgment

Patient Education

1. Explain priorities to patients when addressing families

a. Example: Explain that even though the sweet grandmother needs to go to the restroom, your patient in your other room needs your immediate attention (delegate to an UAP and follow HIPAA)