

Course Outcome #3 Competencies:

- a. Use critical thinking/clinical reasoning when planning patient care and working in the medical-surgical and maternal-newborn environments.
- c. Interpret and correctly implement physician and interprofessional orders for the medical-surgical patient and childbearing families.

**Tool: Surgery Questions Critical Thinking Activity**

**Surgery Questions**

Answer the following questions about your care of patient undergoing a surgical procedure or a C-section:

1. What is the nature of the surgery? Any co-existing illnesses? How will one affect the other? What is the patient's impression of the surgery?

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2. What are the current physician and interprofessional orders and what will you do related to these orders?

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3. What preoperative tests were done? What are the results? How will these affect the patient's surgery and recovery?

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4. Read the patient's psychosocial history. What impact might this (surgery, illness) have on the patient? How does the patient's psychosocial history affect his/her communication with you?

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5. What are the body alterations, potential risks, and complications associated with the surgical procedure? Any coexisting medical problems? How will these medical problems affect the patient's recovery? Based on your communication with the patient and the patient's support network how will these affect the patient's recovery?

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6. Read the preoperative assessment. Identify risk factors and plan care to ensure patient safety throughout the surgical experience focusing on these risk factors. What further information should you discuss with the other members of the healthcare team?

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7. What was the patient's baseline data prior to surgery? (v.s., lab results, etc.). How does it compare to the same data after surgery? Explain why the data is different; that is, BP up with pain; respiratory rate down because of narcotic analgesia.

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8. Teaching: Identify what information the patient needed to know prior to surgery and how this information is used by the patient postoperatively.

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**Rubric for Surgery Questions Critical Thinking Activity**

<b>Performance Criteria</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>NI</b>	<b>U</b>
Clear and accurate answers to all questions on tool.	Clearly and accurately answers all questions on tool.	Clearly and accurately answers some but not all questions on tool.	Unable to clearly and accurately answer questions on tool.