

Aims and Objectives for each specific (nursing-medical) speciality: (Physiological)

1. Describe patient's functional state:

level of consciousness; respiration/circulation; nutrition/hydration; elimination; posture and movement; rest and sleep; skin integrity; general hygiene; body temperature and appearance; communication; self concept; interest and motivation.
  
2. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of medical condition in relation to:
  - (a) diagnosis -  
level of certainty; incidence and spread of disease; factors with which it is associated (including physiological and sociological phenomena); disease progression; multiple causative factors; implications for patients, families and the nurse.
  
  - (b) diagnostic tests -  
principles underlying tests; their contra-indications; procedure as it involves the patient; physiological and psychosocial effects; nature of expected results; effectiveness and power of diagnostic strength; implications for patient, families and responsibility of the nurse.
  
  - (c) discussion of treatment -  
principles underlying treatment including hazards and effectiveness; alternative methods; basis of selection and contra-indication; procedures as they involve the patient; desired effects; side effects; complications; implications for patients, families and the nurse.
  
  - (d) patients' and relatives' perceptions of the investigations, diagnosis, treatment regimes and their implications.