

N121.1 Intensive Clinical Nursing Experience

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CRITERIA FOR PATIENT CLASSIFICATION ACCORDING TO LEVELS OF CARE

<p align="center"><u>LEVEL I: Self Care or Minimal Care</u> (30 minutes of care)</p>	<p align="center"><u>LEVEL II: Moderate or Intermediate Care</u> (1 hour of care)</p>
<p>Patient requiring minimal nursing care is characterized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild symptoms, usually considered already in the later stages of convalescence; • Little or no alteration from acceptable behaviour patterns; • No restriction of activity, can take a bath /feed himself/perform ADLS, and almost entirely self-sufficient; • Simple treatment and few medications; • Follow-up instructions and supervised practice in self-care measures during preparation for discharge; • Non-emergency, newly admitted, do not exhibit unusual symptoms, may be scheduled for surgeet; • Requires little treatment/observation/instruction; • Discharge preparation • Follow-up at the our-patient department 	<p>Patient requiring moderate amount of nursing care is characterized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-acute symptoms, usually either in early stages of convalescence or chronically ill, but not completely dependent on others for ADLs; • Intermittent/occasional deviation from normal (acceptable) behaviour patterns; • Periodic restriction of activities; • Needs some assistance on bathing/feeding/ambulating for short periods of time; • Have slight emotional needs; vital signs required up to 3x/shift; with IV lines for fluids/blood transfusions; • Semi-conscious/exhibits some psychosocial problems; • Periodic treatment/observation/instructions
<p align="center"><u>Level III: Total/Complete/Intensive Care</u> (4 hours of care)</p>	<p align="center"><u>LEVEL IV: Complex/Highly Specialized Care</u> (8 hours of care)</p>
<p>A patient whose activities are initiated, performed and/or supervised by nursing personnel; or who is confined to bed for the major portion of the 24-hour period; requires considerable direct care, and with condition characterized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute symptoms that may already be subsiding/impending or symptoms of chronic condition that makes the patient almost completely dependent on nursing personnel for ADLs; usually seriously ill; • Significant deviation from normal (acceptable) behaviour patterns; • Need for general control/limitation of activities; • Full dependence on bathing/feedng/ADLs; with marked emotional needs; vital signs monitoring >3x/shift; may be on continuous O2 therapy; with chest/abdominal tubes; • Required close observation at least every 30 minutes for impending hemorrhage/hypo or hypertension/cardiac arrhythmias; • Frequent treatment/observation/instructions; with psychotic and suicidal manifestations/poor impulse control 	<p>A patient whose nursing care is so intricate, or time-consuming as to require the equivalent of a special duty nursing service; requires highly specialized nursing care, and with condition characterized by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A need for life-saving measures promptly and constantly; • Extreme symptoms usually termed as acutely/critically ill; • Pronounced deviation from normal (acceptable) behaviour patterns; • A need for continuous treatment/ observation/monitoring/instructions; vital signs monitoring every 15-30 miutes; hourly output monitoring; • Homicidal/suicidal/escape tendencies; • Command hallucinations and responds to this.