

OCCUPATIONAL ENGLISH TEST

WRITING SUB-TEST: Nursing

TIME: READING: 5 MINUTES
WRITING : 40 MINUTES

Read the case notes below and complete the writing task which follows.

Notes:

Mr John Simpsons is a 78-year old patient on the ward of a hospital where you are a charge nurse.

PATIENT DETAILS:

Marital status – Married

Admission date- 3 October 2019

Discharge date – 7 October 2019

Reason of Admission: (3/10/19)Left Total Hip Replacement(THR) – elective surgery
Worsening Osteoarthritis(OA)- difficulty mobilising and climbing stairs

Social background:

Lives at Parker Nursing Home (PNH) (4years)

No children

Employed as an engineer until retirement-aged 65

New-aged pensioner

Hobby: Chess

Sister, Sarah Peter(66), visits regularly; very supportive -plays chess with John on her visits

No signs of dementia observed

Medical background:

2018- Osteoarthritis requiring total hip replacement surgery

1991- Hypertension (ongoing management)

1985 – Colles fracture, ORIF

Medications:

Aspirin 100 Mg mane (recommended post-operatively)

Ramipril 5mg mane

Panadeine Forte (paracetamol 550mg/codeine 30 mg) 2 qid prn

Nursing management and progress:

Daily dressings surgery incision site

Range of motion, stretching and strengthening exercises

Occupational therapy

Staples to be removed in two weeks (21/10)

Also, follow-up FBE and UEC tests at Fortis Hospital Clinic

Assessment:

Good mobility post-operation

Weight-bearing with use of wheelie-walker walks length of the ward without difficulty

Postoperative disorientation re time and place during recovery, possibly related with anaesthetic

Continued observation recommended

Dropped Hb postoperatively(to 72 g/dL) requiring transfusion of 3 units packed red blood cells; Hb stable (112 g/dL) on discharge- ongoing monitoring required for anaemia

Discharge schedule:

Monitor medications

Preserve skin integrity

Continue exercise routine

Equipment required: wheelie walker, wedge pillow, toilet raiser. Hospital to provide a walker and pillow. Hospital social worker organised 2- week hire of raiser from a local medical supplier

Writing task:

Using the information, write a letter to Ms Angelina Hawker, Senior Nurse at Parker Nursing Home, 28, Hilly Road, who will be responsible for Mr Simpsons continued care at the Nursing Home.

In your answer:

- **Expand the relevant notes into complete sentences**
- **Do not use note form**
- **Use letter format**

The body of the letter should be approximately 180–200 words.

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