

Writing sub-test

Nursing

Sample Test

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Candidate number - -

Family name _____

Other name(s) _____

City _____

Date of test _____

Candidate's signature _____

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OCCUPATIONAL ENGLISH TEST

WRITING SUB-TEST: NURSING

TIME ALLOWED: READING TIME: 5 MINUTES

WRITING TIME: 40 MINUTES

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

Notes:

Mr Gerald Baker is a 79-year-old patient on the ward of a hospital in which you are Charge Nurse.

Patient Details:

Marital Status: Widower (8 years)

Admission Date: 3 September 2010 (City Hospital)

Discharge Date: 7 September 2010

Diagnosis: Left Total Hip Replacement (THR)
Ongoing high blood pressure

Social Background: Lives at Greywalls Nursing Home (GNH) (4 years)
No children
Employed as a radio engineer until retirement aged 65
Now aged-pensioner
Hobbies: chess, ham radio operator
Sister, Dawn Mason (66), visits regularly; v supportive
– plays chess with Mr Baker on her visits
No signs of dementia observed

Medical Background: 2008 – Osteoarthritis requiring total hip replacement surgery
1989 – Hypertension (ongoing management)
1985 – Colles fracture, ORIF

Medications: Aspirin 100mg mane (recommended post-operatively)
Ramipril 5mg mane
Panadeine Forte (co-codamol) 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 wks (21/9)
Also, follow-up FBE and UEC tests at City Hospital Clinic

Assessment:

Good mobility post-operation
Weight-bearing with use of wheelie-walker; walks length of ward without difficulty
Post-operative disorientation re time and place during recovery, possibly relating to anaesthetic – continued observation recommended
Dropped Hb post-operatively (to 72) requiring transfusion of 3 units packed red blood cells; Hb stable (112) on discharge – ongoing monitoring required for anaemia

Discharge Plan:

Monitor medications (Panadeine Forte)
Preserve skin integrity
Continue exercise program
Equipment required: wheelie-walker, wedge pillow, toilet raiser. Hospital to provide walker and pillow. Hospital social worker organised 2-wk hire of raiser from local medical supplier.

Writing task:

Using the information in the case notes, write a letter to Ms Samantha Bruin, Senior Nurse at Greywalls Nursing Home, 27 Station Road, Greywalls, who will be responsible for Mr Baker's 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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SAMPLE RESPONSE: LETTER

Ms Samantha Bruin
Senior Nurse
Greywalls Nursing Home
27 Station Road
Greywalls

(Today's date)

Re: Mr Gerald Baker, aged 79

Dear Ms Bruin

Mr Baker is being discharged from City Hospital back into your care today. He underwent a left total hip replacement. He has good mobility and can walk along the ward using a wheelie-walker without difficulty.

Mr Baker was recommenced on 100mg Aspirin daily post-operatively. In addition to his usual treatment for hypertension, he requires pain relief (Panadeine Forte, max 8 tablets/day) and daily dressing changes. He is to undergo a series of range-of-motion, stretching and strengthening exercises, and occupational therapy, to ensure a full recovery. We are sending a walker and wedge pillow with the patient. Our social worker has organised hire of a toilet raiser for two weeks.

During post-operative recovery Mr Baker appeared disoriented. As there is no record of dementia, this may relate to the anaesthetic; continued observation is nevertheless recommended. His sister may be able to comment. Mr Baker's haemoglobin dropped post-operatively. He was transfused three units of packed red blood cells, without complication, and his Hb on discharge is stable (112). Please monitor for signs of anaemia.

Mr Baker will have his staples removed at City Hospital Clinic on 21 September. Follow-up blood tests (UEC, FBE) will also be conducted.

Please contact me with any queries.

Yours sincerely

Charge Nurse