



January 7, 2008 - Common Disease Presentations among the Elderly

Urinary Tract Infection

Dee will review prevention, treatment, and management of UTI in the older adult. Identify age related changes in the urinary tract of the older adult and explores the impact of UTI on the health of the older adult population. This program will identify signs and symptoms of UTI and interpret clinical and laboratory data: distinguish normal from abnormal findings.

Clostridium Difficile

This program will address the development and implementing evidence based strategies regarding health promotion, evaluation and treatment of C. Difficile infections in older adults. What is C Diff, how is it diagnosed and treated as well as the impact of C Diff among the elderly.

Assessing Cardiac Disease

This program will identify common cardiac diseases of patients admitted to extended care, describe factors contributing to postural hypotension, differentiate the cardiac and non-cardiac causes of chest pain and review medication and their side effects used to treat cardiac disease. This program will discuss in detail CHF its prevalence in the older adult, signs and symptoms and treatment. Susan will review early side effects and nursing interventions vital in preventing an exacerbation of CHF. Common medications and diagnostic testing will be included.

SBAR

The SBAR technique provides a framework for communication between members of the healthcare team about a patient's condition. SBAR is an easy-to-remember concrete mechanism useful for framing any conversation, especially critical ones, requiring a clinician's immediate attention and action. It allows for an easy and focused way to set expectations for what will be communicated and how between members of the health care team, which is essential for developing teamwork and fostering a culture of patient safety.



In the afternoon, Susan will provide a comprehensive review of physical assessment and incorporate the SBAR model with individual case studies. This workshop will be an interactive, exciting and vital learning opportunity.

Education Solutions LTC has implemented the SBAR model in many area facilities. The model has helped nurses pull together vital subjective and objective information that is communicated to physicians and nurse practitioners when there is a change in patient condition. The templates used are designed to assist the nurse to assess the patient in an organized and effective manner.

The SBAR tool kit will be available at the seminar